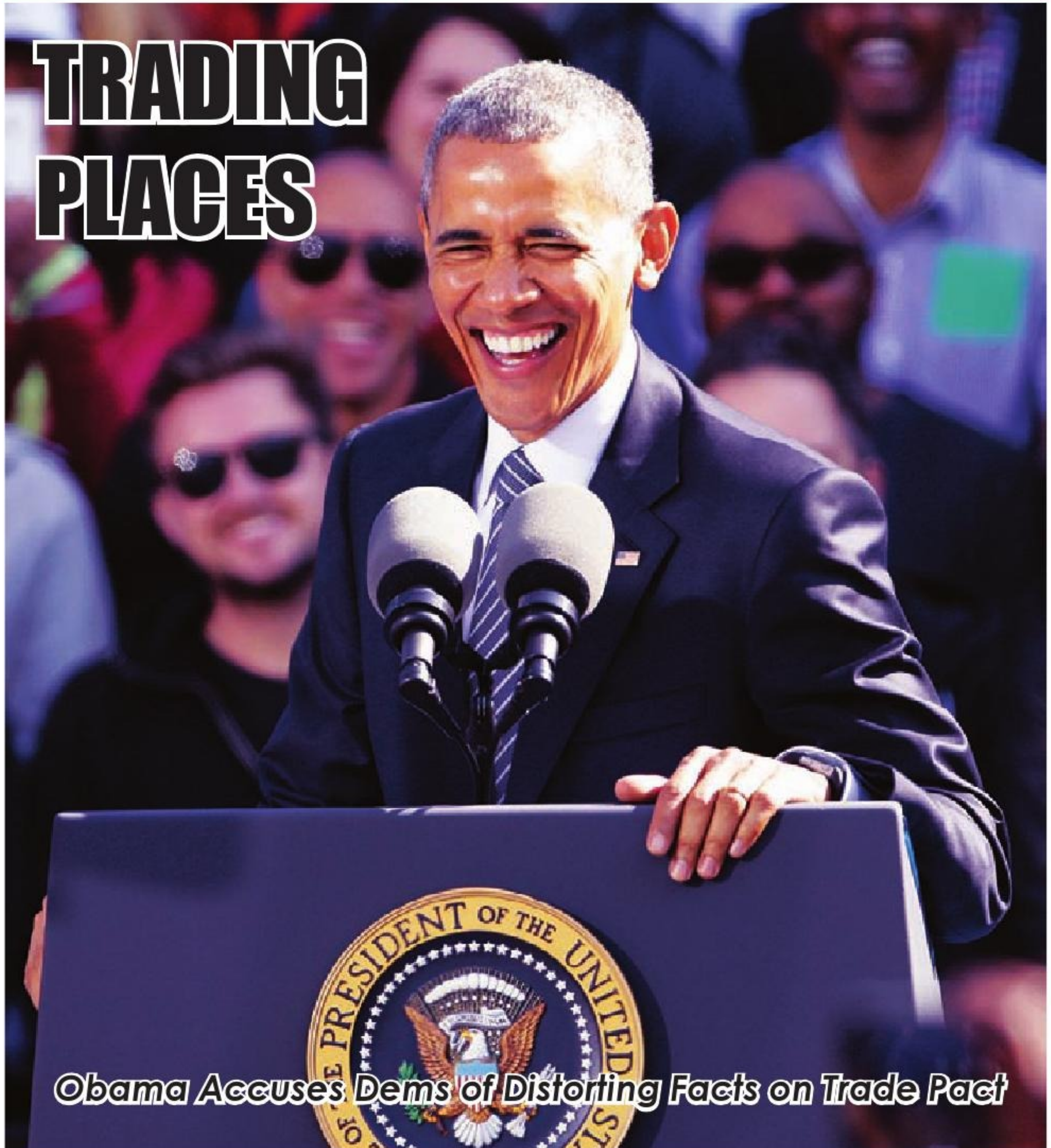


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Obama Accuses Dems of Distorting Facts on Trade Pact

President Barack Obama smiles as he arrives at Nike headquarters in Beaverton, Ore., Friday, May 8, 2015. The President is in Beaverton to make his trade policy pitch as he struggles to win over Democrats for what could be the last major legislative push of his presidency.

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Obama Accuses Dems of Distorting Facts on Trade Pact

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BEAVERTON, Ore. - President Barack Obama on Friday lashed out at critics within his own party as he accused fellow Democrats of deliberately distorting the potential impact of the sweeping new trade agreement he is negotiating with Asia and standing in the way of a modern competitive economy. With the same tone of disdain he usually reserves for his Republican adversaries, Obama said liberals who are fighting the new trade accord, the Trans-Pacific Partnership, were "just wrong" and, in terms of some of their claims, "making this stuff up." If they oppose the deal, he said, they "must be satis-




fied with the status quo" and want to "pull up the drawbridge and build a moat around ourselves." "There have been a bunch of critics about trade deals generally and the Trans-Pacific Partnership," he told hundreds of workers at the Nike headquarters here. "And what's interesting is typically they're my friends coming from my party. And they're my fellow travelers on minimum wage and on job training and on clean energy and on every progressive issue, they're right there with me. And then on this, they're like whupping on me." But Obama said that he had no political motive for supporting freer trade with Asia. "I've run my last election," he said. "And the only reason




President Barack Obama speaks at Nike headquarters in Beaverton, Ore., Friday, May 8, 2015. Obama visited the giant athletic apparel company to make his trade policy pitch as he struggles to win over Democrats for what could be the last major legislative push of his presidency.

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I do something is because I think it's good for American workers and the American people and the American economy." And so, "on this issue, on trade, I actually think some of my dearest friends are wrong. They're just wrong." The president's speech here on the sprawling campus of the shoe and sports apparel company represented his most expansive defense of his trade agenda since he asked Congress to grant him negotiating power often called fast-track authority. And his forceful response to critics underscored the bitter crossfire among Democrats over trade and the enormous challenge Obama faces in trying to rally his party behind one of the most significant initiatives left in his presidency. While most Republicans support granting him negotiating power, he is struggling to rally even a few dozen Democrats in the House. The presidential trip here to trade-friendly Oregon was part of an unusually concerted White House drive to press Democrats to fall in line, and Obama hoped to capitalize on an announcement by Nike that the company and its partners would create up to 10,000 new jobs in the United States if the Pacific trade pact is ap-

proved. Aside from this trip, Obama has been giving interviews to advocate his trade deal and meeting with different factions of Democrats, including some who are deeply skeptical. Aides have set up a virtual war room and deployed nearly every member of the Cabinet to help make the case and lobby lawmakers. But the president has yet to convince many of his political allies on the left. "Decades of experience have taught us that corporate-driven trade policy too often accelerates a global race to the bottom," said Eric Hauser, communications director for the AFL-CIO. "Working people want trade policy that supports good jobs and decent wages. We can't afford to fast-track another trade deal that only serves corporate interests." Nike was a risky choice for Obama to make his case for trade. For years, the multibillion-dollar company has been cited as a case study by opponents of trade liberalization for its reliance on low-wage workers in Asia. But Obama hoped the company's announcement would help him argue that a new trade agreement could foster more manufacturing jobs at home, rather than shipping more jobs overseas. □

To the beach! AAA sees most holiday travelers in 10 years: AP

The Associated Press

With more money in their pockets thanks to lower gas prices and an improved job market, AAA expects more than 37 million Americans to travel for Memorial Day, the most since 2005.

AAA said Friday that the number of Americans taking a trip of 50 miles or more will rise 4.7 percent to 37.2 million over the period May 21 to May 25. Nearly nine of 10 travelers, or 33 million, will drive to their destination, making for crowded highways.

Gasoline should be around \$1 cheaper this Memorial Day. The average price for a gallon of gas Friday was \$2.66. Last year on the holiday it was \$3.66.

AAA says the number of people flying should rise 2.5 percent. A thriving stock market has boosted the net worth of wealthier Americans, who more easily can afford to fly for vacation. The economy is strong enough to give consumers more confidence to travel. Employers added 223,000 jobs in April after a slow start to the year. Last year, job growth averaged 226,000 a month. Although wage growth is sluggish at 2.2 percent, combined with lower gas prices it does give consumers more disposable income.

AAA is suggesting cabin fever may play a role as well. "Following a harsh winter, many Americans are trading in their snow boots for flip flops and making plans to start the season with a vacation getaway," said Marshall L. Doney, AAA's president, in a statement. The total number of travelers and the number opting to drive should be the highest since 2005, when 44 million people traveled, 37.3 million of them by car.

AAA predicts that travel by other means, such as bus, train and cruise ship, will decline for the first time in five years, to 1.6 million people from 1.7 million a year ago. □



Cars line up as an attendant pumps gas at a station in Portland, Ore.

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US launches its own investigation of Baltimore police

ERIC TUCKER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

The U.S. Justice Department waded anew Friday into fraught, big city police-community relations, with new Attorney General Loretta Lynch declaring the subject "one of the most challenging issues of our time." She announced a wide-ranging investigation into Baltimore's police.

The federal civil rights inves-

tigation, which city officials sought following the death last month of a man in police custody, will search for discriminatory policing practices and examine allegations that Baltimore officers too often use excessive force and make unconstitutional searches and arrests.

The investigation is to build upon the government's voluntary and collaborative review of the Baltimore



Attorney General Loretta Lynch announces a civil rights investigation of the Baltimore Police Department during a news conference at the Justice Department in Washington, Friday, May 8, 2015. Lynch announced the Justice Department will conduct a broad investigation into the Baltimore police force in search of law enforcement practices that are unconstitutional and violate civil rights.

(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

police that began last year. Since then, the death of 25-year-old Freddie Gray and the days of rioting that followed exposed a "serious erosion of public trust," Lynch said, and showed that community concerns about the police were more pervasive than initially understood and that a broader investigation was warranted.

"It was clear to a number of people looking at this situation that the community's rather frayed trust — to use an understatement — was even worse and has, in effect, been severed in terms of the relationship with the police department," Lynch said. The announcement indicated that Lynch, who was sworn in last week as the successor to Eric Holder, is likely to keep the Justice Department engaged in a national dialogue about race relations and law enforcement.

That issue consumed the final year of Holder's tenure and flared most vividly last summer following the shooting death of an unarmed black 18-year-old by a Ferguson, Missouri, police officer.

The federal department has undertaken dozens of other city police investigations, including more than 20 during Holder's tenure. If they find systemic civil rights violations, the investigations typically result in court-enforceable agreements between the federal government and the local community that serve as blueprints for change and are overseen by an independent monitor.

The Justice Department has the option of suing a police department that is unwilling to make changes. In some cases, such as in Ferguson — where Justice found sweeping patterns of racial discrimination — the federal government has

initiated the process on its own; in others, including in Cleveland and Albuquerque, New Mexico, city officials made the request.

A separate Justice Department review of Baltimore police policies, by the Community Oriented Police Services office, will continue but its findings will be folded into the new civil rights investigation announced on Friday, Lynch said.

Lynch visited Baltimore earlier this week to meet with city and community leaders as well as Gray's family. "We're talking about generations, not only of mistrust, but generations of communities that feel very separated from government overall," she said on Friday. "So you're talking about situations where there's a flashpoint occurrence that coalesces years of frustration and anger. That's what I think you saw in Baltimore." □

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Mistrial declared in 1979 case of missing NYC boy Etan Patz



Pedro Hernandez's daughter, Becky Hernandez, left, holds hands with her mother, Rosemary Hernandez, as the exit court in New York, Friday, May 8, 2015 in New York. On Friday, the judge declared a mistrial when the jury couldn't unanimously agree on whether Pedro Hernandez abducted and killed six-year-old Etan Patz in 1979.

(AP Photo/Kevin Hagen)

COLLEEN LONG
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The murder trial of a man accused in the 1979 disappearance of 6-year-old Etan Patz ended Friday in a hung jury, leaving one of the nation's most wrenching missing-children cases still unresolved after nearly two generations.

After 18 days of deliberating, jurors said for a third time that they were hopelessly deadlocked — 11-1, in favor of conviction — in the case against Pedro Hernandez. The judge declared a mistrial as Hernandez sat impassively.

Hernandez was a teenage stock clerk at a Manhattan convenience store near where Etan vanished May 25, 1979. He would become one of the first missing children ever pictured on milk cartons.

Prosecutors immediately asked to set a new trial date in the case, which frustrated authorities for decades before a tip led them to Hernandez — never before a suspect — and

he confessed in 2012. His lawyers said the confession was false and concocted by mental illness, and they said another longtime suspect was the more likely killer.

The mistrial left Etan's parents, who became national advocates for the cause of missing children, to await another trial.

"We are frustrated and very disappointed the jury has been unable to make a decision. The long ordeal is not over," said his father, Stanley Patz. But, he added, "I think we have closure already."

He tried for years to bring the earlier suspect to account for Etan's death, but after the trial, he said: "I am so convinced Pedro Hernandez kidnapped and killed my son. ... His story is simple, and it makes sense."

Hernandez will remain in jail to await another trial; the first took more than three months. He has a June 10 court date for a status update.

Several jurors said they

found Hernandez's confession compellingly detailed and buttressed by admissions he'd made to friends and relatives years before, and those jurors said they felt his mental problems were the result of a guilty conscience.

"Pedro Hernandez, you know what you did," said forewoman Alia Dahhan, who works in the arts.

The lone holdout said he felt Hernandez's mental health history was "a huge part of this case" and couldn't stop wondering about the roughly seven hours police questioned him before administering his Miranda rights and turning on a video camera.

"Ultimately, I couldn't find enough evidence that wasn't circumstantial to

convict. I couldn't get there," said the juror, Adam Sirois, a health care consultant.

Jurors announced they were deadlocked twice before Friday, on April 29 and on Tuesday. Both times, the judge told them to keep trying to reach a verdict.

Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance Jr. said in a statement he believed there was "clear and corroborated evidence" of Hernandez's guilt.

"The challenges in this case were exacerbated by the passage of time, but they should not, and did not, deter us," Vance said.

One of Hernandez's lawyers, Harvey Fishbein, said he recognized the Patzes and even New Yorkers at

large were yearning to resolve the case.

"I would say there's only a resolution if the correct man is held responsible, and we firmly believe Pedro Hernandez is not the right man," he said.

After Etan's disappearance, his parents helped shepherd in an era of law enforcement advances that make it easier to track missing children and communicate among agencies. The Patzes were at the White House when President Ronald Reagan named May 25 National Missing Children's Day.

While New York City detectives frantically searched for the sandy-haired boy, Hernandez moved back to New Jersey and slipped off the radar. □



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Bush, Clinton taking different tracks on potential matchup

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DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) —

To judge them solely by their travels over the past month, you might think Jeb Bush has already plunged into the general election and Hillary Rodham Clinton has a serious fight on her hands for the Democratic nomination.

Whereas the conventional thinking, at least, is quite the opposite: He's got a real primary race to settle first and she doesn't.

Bush, who has yet to declare his candidacy for the Republican nomination, has been stopping in states far from the early testing grounds of Iowa and New Hampshire, the first in the state-by-state primary con-

tests for the parties' presidential nominations. Over the past month, he's made appearances in Ohio, North Carolina and Colorado, all crucial states in the general election, when Republicans and Democrats battle over the relatively few states that swing from one party to another in presidential elections.

On Saturday, he'll be in



Former Florida governor and Republican presidential candidate Jeb Bush applauds a speaker during an energy forum which he hosted, at the Brown Palace Hotel in Denver. To judge them solely by their travels over the past month, you might think Bush has already plunged into the general election and Hillary Rodham Clinton has a serious fight on her hands for the Democratic nomination.

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Virginia, which will also be hotly contested in November 2016, even as most of his Republican nomination rivals are appearing in South Carolina — an important early state in the primary race.

"It's a conscious effort, as he goes through the consideration process, to talk to and hear from people across the board," Bush spokesman Tim Miller said. "That means in the early primary states and other states that would play a role in the process."

Bush's strategy carries potential risks as he prepares to enter a crowded Republican field. Voters in early primary and caucus states are used to personal attention from candidates and could see Bush's apparent flirtation with the general election as premature.

Clinton, in contrast, is narrowly focusing her travel schedule on the first four states in the primaries, suggesting she wants voters to know she's taking nothing for granted despite her dominant position in the party. To be sure, Bush isn't avoiding the early states. He's made visits to Iowa and New Hampshire, as well as South Carolina and Nevada, which round out the first four primary contests, and is headed back to Nevada and Iowa next week.

Also, he does not have paid staff on the ground in the battleground states. But a candidate's time remains one of any campaign's most valuable assets and how and where the candidate spends it provides the clearest glimpse into their strategy. □

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US Financial Front:

Business wholesale stockpiles rose slightly in March



A worker lifts Goya Foods products in a warehouse at the new corporate headquarters before opening ceremonies, in Jersey City, N.J. The Commerce Department released wholesale trade inventories for March on Friday, May 8, 2015.

(AP Photo/Mel Evans)

MARTIN CRUTSINGER

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. wholesalers expanded stockpiles modestly in March even though their sales fell for an eighth straight month.

Wholesale stockpiles edged up 0.1 percent following a 0.2 percent rise in February, the Commerce Department reported Friday. Sales at the wholesale level fell 0.2 percent after an even bigger 0.6 percent

drop in February. Sales have fallen every month since August.

Economists are expecting sales to rebound in the coming months as the warmer weather lures shoppers back to shopping malls and auto dealerships. The pickup should fuel consumer spending, which accounts for 70 percent of economic activity.

Higher demand at the retail level would then spur increased restocking at all levels of business including wholesalers.

In March, auto stockpiles at the wholesale level were up 0.2 percent while furniture stockpiles increased 2.2 percent while inventories of computer equipment increased 1.7 percent. But stockpiles of lum-

ber were down 0.8 percent and farm products were down 2.8 percent.

Total wholesale inventories increased to a seasonally adjust \$574.5 billion in March, up 5.1 percent from a year ago.

Overall economic growth, as measured by the gross domestic product, barely grew in the January-March quarter. □

Wal-Mart targets one-time Target stores up in Canada

NEW YORK (AP) — Wal-Mart, already Canada's biggest retailer, wasted little time in cementing that title after its rival Target retreated back to the U.S.

The company is buying 13 former Target stores and one distribution center and said it will hire 3,400 new employees. It is spending \$290 million to buy and renovate the stores and said that will create 1,500 construction jobs.

Target Corp. closed the last of its 133 Canadian stores in April after a rough two-year venture into the country. It laid off more than 17,000 people and took more than \$5 billion in charges.

A number of retailers have struggled in Canada because of regulatory pres-

sures and competition from Wal-Mart and others. Big Lots Inc. and Best Buy Co. have both closed stores in Canada.

Sony Corp. closed all of its 14 stores.

Sears sold most of its stake in its Canadian unit, but asked former Target employees in January to apply for jobs at Sears Canada Inc.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. has 395 Canadian stores and has expanded further on Target's withdrawal.

Wal-Mart reported \$485.7 billion in total revenue in its last fiscal year and about one-quarter of that total came from Wal-Mart's international business. Canada is its fifth-largest market outside the U.S. in terms of stores. □

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American Living:

Giving the poor easy access to healthy food doesn't mean they'll buy it

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In 2010, the Morrisania section of the Bronx was what is commonly called a food desert: The low-income neighborhood in New York's least-healthy county had no nearby grocery store, and few places where its residents could easily buy fresh food. That's why it was the target of a city tax incentive program designed to bring healthy food into underserved neighborhoods. In 2011, a 17,000-square-foot supermarket opened, aided by city money that paid some 40 percent of the costs of its construction. The neighborhood



Customers leave an Associated Supermarket that was built with more than \$400,000 of city-funded incentives to combat the unavailability of fresh produce in the Morrisania neighborhood of the Bronx in New York, May 7, 2015. According to a study that compared shopping behavior in Morrisania with a neighborhood a mile away with similar demographic characteristics, perceived access to healthy food improved, but the diets of the neighborhood's residents did not.

(Bryan Thomas/The New York Times)

pears, doesn't make a very big difference. The cost of food - and people's habits of shopping and eating - appear to be much more powerful than just convenience.

Another study, published this week as a working paper by the National Bureau of Economic Research, looked across the country and found that no more than a tenth of the variation in the food people bought could be explained by the availability of a nearby grocery store. The education level of the shoppers, for example, was far more predictive.

"If you were going to put all Americans in the same retail environment, you'd end up only dealing with 10 percent of this disparity between college-educated and high-school-educated households," said Jessie Handbury, an assistant professor at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and an author of the paper.

Tackling the problem of food deserts has been embraced by the federal government and many local governments. The federal government's Healthy Food Financing Initiative has handed out more than \$500 million in recent years to help encourage grocery stores to locate in places they had avoided. Many states and cities - like New York - have their own programs, aimed at getting more grocery stores and farmer's markets into poor neighborhoods where the consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables is low and obesity rates tend to be high.

Still, all that investment may not pay off in the form of

healthier communities. The recent paper looked at the buying habits of families who agreed to allow all of their bar-coded food purchases to be scanned and measured, along with details about their address and demographic characteristics. That data allowed the researchers to track what people bought according to their incomes and education levels, as well as their neighborhoods. The research, like the work that initially described the food desert concept, noted that lower-income neighborhoods tended to have less healthy food nearby and that their residents tended to eat less healthy diets. The researchers set out to see whether those disparities could be explained by access issues, or by more entrenched preferences for particular kinds of foods.

It turned out that food preferences dominated. When the researchers looked at shoppers with lower levels of income and education living in richer neighborhoods with more accessible healthy food, their shopping mimicked that of low-income, less-educated people in poorer neighborhoods. (And the reverse was true, too: Richer, more educated shoppers in poor neighborhoods looked more like rich shoppers in rich neighborhoods.)

"When we put supermarkets in poor neighborhoods, people are buying the same food," said Barry Popkin, a professor of Nutrition at the University of North Carolina, who participated in an Institute of Medicine review of food desert research in 2009. "They just get it cheaper."



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welcomed the addition, and perceived access to healthy food improved. But the diets of the neighborhood's residents did not.

This verdict comes from a study that compared shopping behavior in Morrisania with a neighborhood a mile away with similar demographic characteristics. "There were not a lot of things that really changed," said Brian Elbel, an author and an associate professor of medicine at New York University. "Consumption didn't really change. Purchasing didn't really change."

The work adds to a growing body of evidence that merely fixing food deserts will not do nearly as much to improve the health of poor neighborhoods as policymakers had hoped. It seems intuitive that a lack of nearby healthy food can contribute to a poor diet. But merely adding a grocery store to a poor neighborhood, it ap-

Unexpected triumph means Cameron can govern UK on his own

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Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — After years of sharing power, David Cameron pulled off an unexpected election triumph that gave the Conservative prime minister a second term with an outright majority Friday and dealt a stinging defeat to his three main rivals.

Standing before the glistening black door of 10 Downing Street, Cameron pledged to govern as the party of "one nation, one United Kingdom." But he faces a fractured Britain — divided by rich and poor, by separatist gains in Scotland and by doubts over its place in the European Union. The election ushers in a new era in British politics, with veteran lawmakers ousted by a public that made clear it had lost trust in its political leaders. The victors included a 20-year-old Scottish nationalist who beat out a senior Labour Party leader in Scotland. It was also unexpected. Polls had predicted a dead



Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron and his wife Samantha smile from the steps of 10 Downing Street in London Friday, May 8, 2015, after meeting with Britain's Queen Elizabeth II in a traditional formality, where he informed her that he has enough support to form a government. Cameron's Conservative Party swept to power Friday in Britain's Parliamentary General Elections, winning an unexpected majority.

(AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth)

heat — a result that would have meant days of haggling to form a new government. Queen Elizabeth II was out of town at her castle in Windsor, and needed

to rush back to London for the traditional meeting at Buckingham Palace in which the victor offers to form a government. By the time Cameron met

the monarch all three of his major rivals had resigned: Ed Miliband of the Labour Party, Nick Clegg of the Liberal Democrats and Nigel Farage of the U.K. Inde-

pendence Party. For the losers, Cameron offered sympathy. "Elections can be bruising clashes of ideas and arguments, and a lot of people who believe profoundly in public service have seen that service cut short," he said. The surprising outcome merely underscored how much things have changed — that there is now a new unpredictability in British politics. The idea of two big parties squabbling over the spoils is over. There are new players — and some are very young. Some don't even want a United Kingdom at all. "For the new government, it is not possible to carry on business as usual," said Murray Pittcock, a professor at the University of Glasgow. "Such a course is not a sustainable or good course to ensure the survival of the UK."

With the Conservatives winning an outright majority in the 650-seat House of Commons, the result looked to be far better for Cameron than even his own party had foreseen. □



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Saudi coalition warns rebels but also promises a cease-fire

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SANAA, Yemen (AP) — A coalition led by Saudi Arabia ordered civilians in rebel strongholds in northern Yemen to flee by nightfall Friday, warning it will strike anything in the region, even as the Saudis pressed for a cease-fire to begin next week.

After the evening deadline passed, the coalition's warplanes attacked a rebel-held complex in the region that was believed to contain weapons, a Saudi news agency reported.

The declaration of an entire region of Yemen as a "military target" was a sharp escalation that raised alarm about more casualties in a conflict that has killed

over 1,400 people — many of them civilians — since March 19. The fighting also has created a humanitarian crisis in what was already the Arab world's most impoverished nation. Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir announced in Paris that a cease-fire aimed at allowing humanitarian aid to reach Yemen's embattled population of 25 million would begin Tuesday — but on the condition that the Shiite rebels, known as Houthis, and their allies also halt hostilities.

The mixed signals from Saudi Arabia seemed to have two purposes: The declaration of an all-out war in the northern region of Saada, the Houthis' stronghold, appeared aimed at stopping cross-border attacks



Supporters of Pakistani religious parties rally to support the Saudi Arabian government in Karachi, Pakistan, Friday, May 8, 2015. Pakistani parliamentarians agreed to support Saudi Arabia in case of any threat to its territorial integrity. However, the legislators were not in favor of sending troops to Yemen to fight the Shiite rebels, known as Houthis, officials said.

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against Saudi cities that have inflicted civilian casualties. At the same time, it appeared to pressure the Houthis and their allies — military units loyal to ousted President Ali Abdullah Saleh — to abide by a cease fire. Saudi Arabia and a coalition of Arab countries began the air campaign March 26 to break the advance of the Houthis and Saleh's forces, who overran the capital of Sanaa and much of northern Yemen late last year and have been on the offensive in the south. The Saudis and their allies are seeking the restoration of President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi, who fled the country last month in the face of the Houthis' advance. Earlier Friday, the coalition declared that Saada province "in its entirety" would be considered a "military target" and told its population to leave by 7 p.m., according to the announcement on Saudi state TV. The mountainous province

that borders Saudi Arabia is the birthplace of the Houthi movement and was the base for rebel forces that swept over northern Yemen. The extent of the coalition's ultimatum was not clear. The initial statement spoke of all of Saada — which has a population of nearly 900,000 — but state TV later suggested the declaration applied to the city of Saada, which is the provincial capital, and Marran, a small mountain town where the Houthis originated.

Coalition planes dropped leaflets in Saada, asking residents to leave and saying all roads would stay open until the ultimatum expires. Security officials in Saada said hundreds of families were seeking shelter outside the province's main cities and towns. Saudi Brig. Gen. Ahmed Ali Asiri, the coalition spokesman, said airstrikes are being concentrated on all Houthi command centers in the cities of Saada and Marran. □

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Uruguayans frustrated by protest of ex-Guantanamo detainees



Freed Guantanamo Bay detainee Omar Abdelhadi Faraj, from Syria, sits and drinks tea in front of a tent outside the U.S. embassy as he protests along with fellow former detainees, in Montevideo, Uruguay. Their grievances run the gamut, from demands that America compensate them to frustration over not being able to subscribe to Netflix in their adopted home.

(AP Photo/Matilde Campodonico)

LEONARDO HABERKORN doesn't mince words when it comes to the four former Guantanamo detainees camping in front of the U.S. Embassy in an increas-

PETER PRENGAMAN
Associated Press
MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay
(AP) — Andrea Sastre

ingly bitter protest. Their grievances run the gamut, from demands that America compensate them to frustration over not being able to subscribe to Netflix in their adopted home.

"As a Uruguayan, I'm annoyed at these men," said Sastre, a real estate agent. "They want a house. They want food. And they want it all to come from on high. It's a pipe dream."

The men are among six who were released from the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in December after nearly 13 years in detention for alleged ties to al-Qaida. Uruguay's then president, Jose Mujica, a former leftist rebel who himself spent 13 years in prison in his homeland, invited them to resettle in this South American nation.

But the men have failed to thrive in Uruguay, unhappy about their circumstances and the amount of aid the government has extended.

Their protest, which began April 23, has turned many residents against them. And as the country's welcome appears to be wearing thin, questions are growing about what the troubled experiment means for dozens of remaining detainees at the U.S.-run prison that President Barack Obama has vowed to close.

The four Syrians, a Tunisian and a Palestinian in Uruguay argue that Washington is obligated to help because it held them so long, disrupting their lives, without ever convicting them of a crime, and they say the Uruguayan government made promises it hasn't kept.

"We were told we would spend a few weeks in a hotel and then they would

give us houses," former detainee Ali Husain Shaaban said in English from a campsite of tents pitched on grass next to the embassy near the Rio de la Plata. "But we have been talking for five months and they haven't given us anything."

The embassy has rebuffed their demands to meet with the U.S. ambassador. There is little chance the U.S. would give them financial help, as federal courts have thrown out similar claims by other former detainees. A local lawyer for the men says the men have not filed lawsuits but could if they choose to do so.

Uruguay provides the men with housing and a monthly stipend of 15,000 pesos, about \$600, which is more than what 40 percent of full-time Uruguayan workers earn each month, according to official estimates.

A local union involved in their resettlement says the men have declined several offers to work in construction, cooking and other manual labor jobs. The men say they want to work but suffer from lingering health issues related to their detainment, such as depression, anxiety and digestive problems. They also say they first need to learn Spanish, though by their own admission they are not formally studying the language.

"It's become very clear that these former prisoners don't like to work," said a recent editorial in newspaper La Prensa, which has sharply criticized Mujica's decision to invite them. "Today the country has an unnecessary problem that didn't originate here."

Hundreds of men have been released from Guan-

tanamo since it opened in 2002. Some who are unable to return to their home countries for various reasons have been resettled in countries such as Estonia, Oman, Kazakhstan, Georgia, Slovakia and Afghanistan.

The men in Uruguay are the only released detainees living in Latin America. The very public nature of the trouble with Uruguay's resettlement effort has some activists worried that it might discourage countries from accepting former detainees and that U.S. lawmakers wary of resettlements will further restrict the process.

Last week, U.S. Rep. Ed Royce, a California Republican, wrote to Secretary of State John Kerry asserting that the release of the six men to Uruguay was "inconsistent" with U.S. laws because the local government had not sufficiently restricted their movement.

"Uruguay has not taken steps to mitigate the risk that these detainees pose to the United States, including the U.S. Embassy in Montevideo," he wrote.

Uruguay is known for progressive laws, such as the legalization of marijuana and universal health care, and many citizens initially were proud to help people they saw as victims of unjust imprisonment. However, the smiles, photo ops and colorful declarations about bonding over a love for soccer have turned to frustration and finger-pointing.

The latest dustup began when the men were asked to sign an agreement stipulating their free housing would expire after next February and that, going forward, they would pay taxes on their stipends. □

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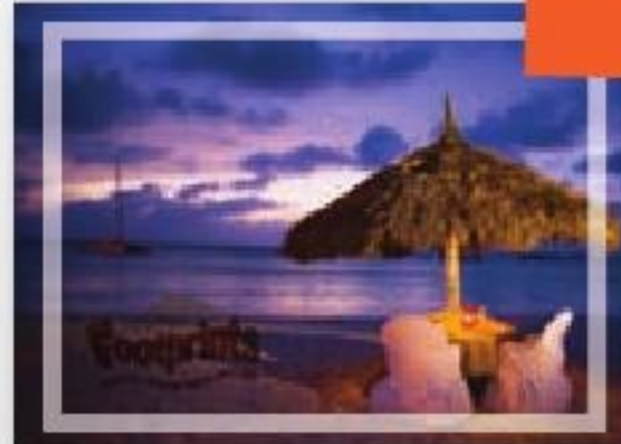
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SPORTS

Aruba TODAY

Canelo, Kirkland promise action in their Houston showdown

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

Although Floyd Mayweather Jr.'s showdown with Manny Pacquiao last week probably didn't convert many new fans to boxing, the sport has much more to offer after that unsatisfying meeting between its two biggest stars.

Saul "Canelo" Alvarez and James Kirkland get the first chance to put on a show. The crowd-pleasing punchers both return from lengthy ring absences for a 154-pound meeting Saturday night at Houston's Minute Maid Park, where 40,000 eager fans and an HBO audience will watch the Mexican champion and his Texan challenger. "The fans want to go see action, and these are the kind of fights where the people will leave happy," Alvarez said through a translator.

The 24-year-old Alvarez (44-1-1, 31 KOs) already is among the biggest stars in boxing for his skills and fearless style, and his return from a 10-month break pits him against one of the biggest sluggers in the sport. The matchup appears to be tailor-made for entertainment, and neither fighter has avoided those expectations during the week after Mayweather's defensive dominance of an injured Pacquiao.

"This is one of the opportunities I've been wanting," Kirkland said. "This is a fight that I know the fans want to see, a fight that I'm truly prepared for."

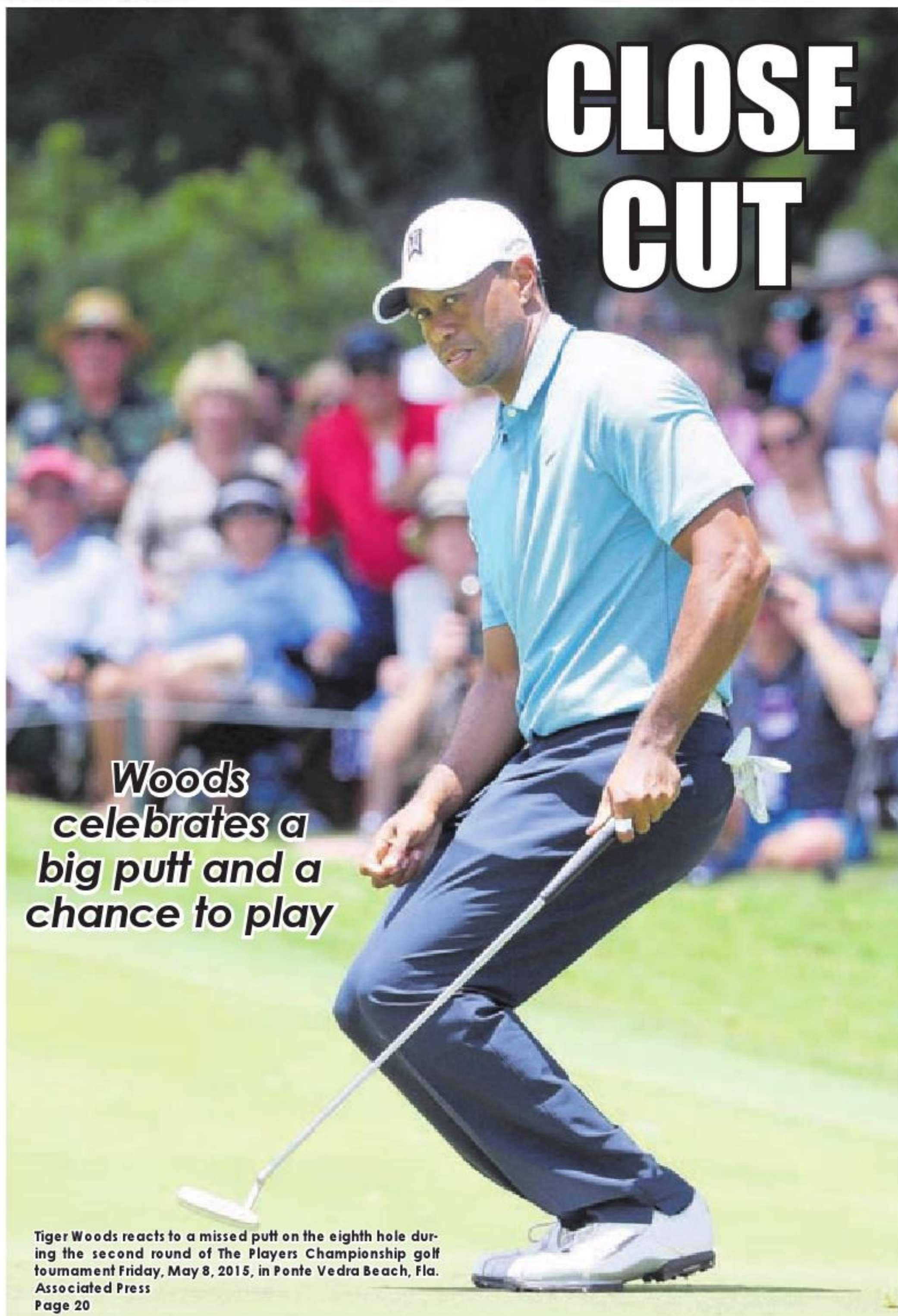
Canelo hasn't fought since winning an awkward decision over Erislandy Lara in July.

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CLOSE CUT

Woods celebrates a big putt and a chance to play

Tiger Woods reacts to a missed putt on the eighth hole during the second round of The Players Championship golf tournament Friday, May 8, 2015, in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Associated Press
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Blackhawks sweep Wild, Canadiens stay alive

ST. PAUL, Minnesota (AP) — Corey Crawford made 34 saves, Patrick Kane had a goal and an assist, and the Chicago Blackhawks advanced to the Western Conference finals with a 4-3 victory over the Minnesota Wild on Thursday night for a four-game sweep. The Wild never led in the series. Goals by Jared Spurgeon and Nino Niederreiter with 2:18 and 1:27 left gave them one last shot, with their net emptied. The final few whacks were either wide or turned aside by Crawford, who stopped 124 of 131 shots in the four games. Brent Seabrook and Andrew Shaw scored for the Blackhawks, who were down to five defensemen after a serious injury to veteran Michal Rozsival. Marian Hossa had a long empty-netter, and Jonathan Toews and Bryan Bickell had two assists apiece.

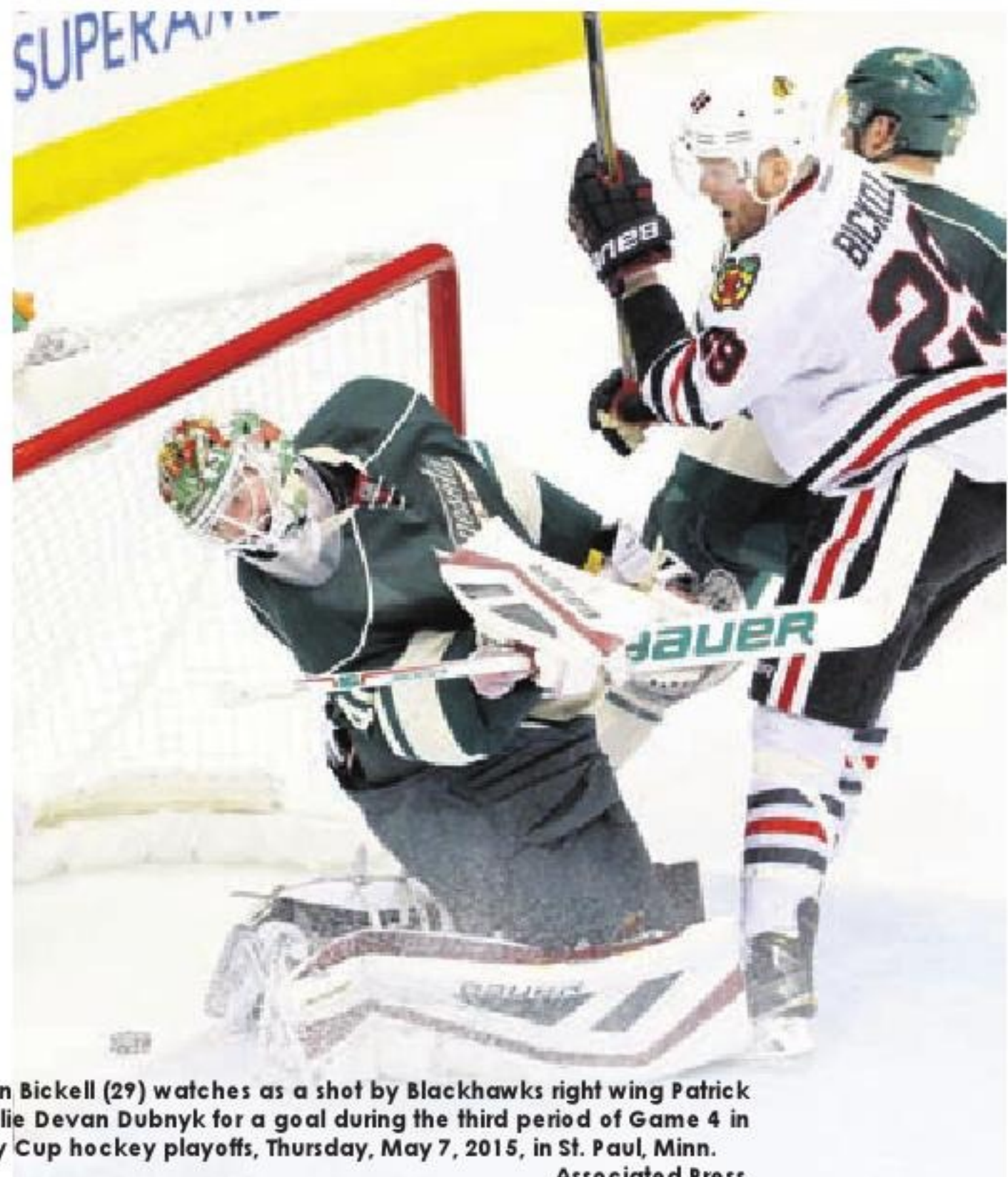
CANADIENS 6, LIGHTNING 2

TAMPA, Florida (AP) — Carey Price stopped 22 shots, Max Pacioretty had a goal and two assists, and Montreal beat Tampa Bay to stay alive in their second-round playoff series. Pacioretty and Andrei Markov scored in the first as the Canadiens avoided a sweep with their first victory in nine games this year against the Lightning. Game 5 is Saturday night in Montreal, where Tampa Bay won the first two games of the series.

Lightning goaltender Ben Bishop allowed three goals on 14 shots before he was pulled a little over five minutes into the second period. Bishop had 30 saves in Tampa Bay's 2-1 victory on Wednesday night.

Chicago Blackhawks left wing Bryan Bickell (29) watches as a shot by Blackhawks right wing Patrick Kane gets past Minnesota Wild goalie Devan Dubnyk for a goal during the third period of Game 4 in the second round of the NHL Stanley Cup hockey playoffs, Thursday, May 7, 2015, in St. Paul, Minn.

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Canelo

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An ankle injury sidelined him in the winter, but Alvarez kept training in his new home in San Diego until he inked a meeting with Kirkland, whose legal troubles and training upheaval have overshadowed his once-promising career. Kirkland (32-1, 28 KOs) hasn't fought since December 2013 and has just two fights in the previous 3 1/2 years. At least his current absence wasn't due to incarceration, but Kirkland also split again with longtime trainer Ann Wolfe in a quest to become "a more complete" fighter. Kirkland became a dominant boxer under Wolfe's demanding tutelage. He split with her before his only career defeat against Nobuhiro Ishida in 2011, but reunited and won five more fights. He'll be in Houston with a little-known team in his corner, but likely the same punching power and bra-

vado that have consistently led to excitement. Kirkland hasn't been in a fight that went the distance since June 2007, 14 bouts ago.

"Canelo brings a lot to the game, got a great team backing him, and pretty much knows the sport," Kirkland said. "But there's a little something that goes deeper than that that I believe I possess. So at the end of the day I'm ... going to let the hands do the talking."

If Alvarez wins, he is widely expected to challenge Miguel Cotto in a pay-per-view fight that could be the biggest event of the fall. Canelo has refused to look beyond Kirkland, realizing the danger in his opponent's fists.

"A lot of people are counting on Canelo to carry boxing on his shoulders for many years to come," said his promoter, Oscar De La Hoya.

Right before the main event, the Houston crowd would have seen an en-



This March 8, 2014, file photo shows Saul "Canelo" Alvarez, left, of Mexico, trading punches with compatriot Alfredo Angulo during a super welterweight boxing match in Las Vegas.

Associated Press

ticing junior welterweight matchup between Frankie Gomez and Humberto Soto, but Gomez weighed in six pounds over the 141-pound limit Friday, forcing promoter Golden

Boy to cancel the bout. The fight was a prime opportunity for Gomez (18-0, 13 KOs), who was slated to take the ring immediately after HBO replayed the Mayweather-Pacquiao

fight on its broadcast. The card still features featherweight prospect Joseph Diaz Jr., former Pacquiao challenger Joshua Clottey and 7-foot Chinese heavyweight Taishan Dong. □

Na, Kelly share lead at Players Championship

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla.

(AP) — Jerry Kelly and Kevin Na headed into the weekend at The Players Championship with another chance at winning the PGA Tour's biggest and richest event.

Thanks to a clutch putt by Tiger Woods rarely seen of late, he made the cut on the number and gets to keep playing.

Na, the 54-hole leader three years ago until he faded under intense scrutiny of serious swing issues, settled down after a wild start for a 3-under 69. He shared the lead with Kelly, a 48-year-old from Wisconsin who has even stronger memories of the TPC Sawgrass.

Kelly had a two-shot lead over Woods in 2001 going into a final round that took two days to complete because of storms. Woods went on to win, and two



Kevin Na hits from the 16th tee during the first round of The Players Championship golf tournament Thursday, May 7, 2015, in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., Fla.

weeks later he completed his grand sweep of the majors at Augusta National.

Fourteen years later, Kelly

and Woods are in different roles.

"I figured I would have another chance at this golf

course," Kelly said. "I didn't think it would be that long, but it's just strange. This whole career has gone by in the blink of an eye."

Kelly and Na were at 8-under 136, two shots clear of Rickie Fowler (69), Chris Kirk (68), David Hearn (71) and Branden Grace (67).

Not much is left from all that star power on both ends of the draw at the start of the week.

Rory McIlroy held up his end. He had a 71 and was only four shots back going into the weekend. The other two guys in his group, Masters champion Jordan Spieth and Jason Day of Australia, won't be around for the last 36 holes.

Spieth spent too much time trying to save par and finished with a meaningless bogey for a 72 to miss by three shots.

Day started the second round tied with McIlroy and had two 7s on his card within four holes. He closed with a double bogey for an 81.

Phil Mickelson, who played in the group ahead of Woods, had two 6s and a 7 on his way to a 76 to miss the cut for the third straight year.

"I was thinking to myself as I was walking around, 'I can't believe I've actually won here,' you know?"

Mickelson said.

Woods, in his first start since he showed a remarkable short-game recovery at the Masters, hovered around the cut line most of the day until he got to the par-5 ninth for his last hole. He choked up for a soft pitching wedge to 10 feet, made the birdie and showed the kind of emotion he once reserved for big shots and big moments. That gave him a 71 for even-par 144, making the cut on the number.

Given the nature of the Stadium Course, and the quality of the field, making the cut on the number means he was only eight shots out of the lead.

"I feel like I'm playing well enough to get myself up there," Woods said. "I just need one good round and narrow up that gap between myself and the lead, and I feel like I can do that."

Na was a different player in 2012. He was vilified for his slow play, which he attributed to having the yips with his swing. He simply couldn't take the club back, and there times that when he did, he would purposely swing over the ball so he could start over. It was difficult to watch. It was even harder on Na.

But he has battled through it and came into The Players at No. 22 in the world ranking.

"I think I'm mentally tougher because I had gone through that, and I'm a lot more happier," Na said.

Such is the nature of the TPC Sawgrass that no one ever felt safe.

Defending champion Martin Kaymer made two quick birdies and was one shot out of the lead. When he finished the back nine, he was in danger of missing the cut after a tee shot into the water on the 18th and a double bogey. Kaymer slowed his swing, hit some fairways and recovered with three birdies for a 72.

Fowler was poised to close in on the lead until his approach on the par-5 16th drifted too far right and went into the water for a bogey. □

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A-Rod passes Willie Mays for 4th on HR list with No. 661



New York Yankees designated hitter Alex Rodriguez hits his 661st home run, surpassing Willie Mays for fourth on baseball's all-time home runs list, in a baseball game against the Baltimore Orioles at Yankee Stadium in New York, Thursday, May 7, 2015.

HOWIE RUMBERG

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Alex Rodriguez passed Willie Mays for fourth place on the career home run list, connecting for No. 661 on Thursday.

The New York Yankees star hit a line drive off Bal-

timore pitcher Chris Tillman just to the left of Yankee Stadium's Monument Park in the third inning. 'A-Rod' almost reached the milestone in the first inning but was robbed by Delmon Young reaching over the top of the wall in right field to take the catch.

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Next up for Rodriguez on the all-time list is Babe Ruth at 714 home runs.

"Nobody will ever pass Willie Mays," Rodriguez said after the Yankees beat the Orioles 4-3. "I talked about him being my father's favorite player. There's only one Willie Mays. Not only what he did on the field but what he meant off the field. He's a legend and he's also a role model for all of us."

The slugger pumped his fist as he rounded first base, and fans gave Rodriguez a standing ovation.

After returning to the dugout, he briefly emerged from the dugout to acknowledge cheers from fans, waving to the crowd with both hands above his head.

Rodriguez, who turns 40 in July, moved into a tie for fourth in the AL this season with seven home runs. He didn't play last year while serving a drug suspension.

The Yankees and A-Rod have a marketing agree-

ment that calls for \$6 million each for up to five achievements, payable within 15 days of designation by the team. But New York has said the marketing possibilities were ruined after Rodriguez served his performance-enhancing drug penalty for his involvement in the Biogenesis scandal.

The accomplishments were contemplated to be homers 660, 714, 755

(Hank Aaron), 762 (Barry Bonds) and 763 as he moved up baseball's list. The refusal of payment likely would trigger a grievance on Rodriguez's behalf by the players' union. Without a settlement, the case would be heard by an arbitrator. "That's not where my mind is right now," Rodriguez said. "I'm really just trying to enjoy this moment." □



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Top WNBA players use new leverage to demand trades, sit out

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AP Basketball Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Several of the WNBA's marquee players are flexing newly gained leverage to make demands on the league, including forcing trades and dictating when they'll play.

Candace Parker is sitting out at least the first half of the upcoming WNBA season. Diana Taurasi had announced earlier that she is sitting out the entire season. Now, Sylvia Fowles may be joining them on the sidelines if she doesn't get the trade she has requested. Nonetheless, collectively they represent a growing concern for the WNBA. Players putting their own needs ahead of the league's interests.

"They are starting to become like every other league," U.S. national team coach Geno Auriemma said at training camp on Wednesday. "Players are starting to do what they think is in their best interest. Starting to think about their future. Sometimes that's not always popular. ... The league is strong and viable. It's proven itself. New stars will pop up."

The WNBA has the option to take action against players.

The CBA that was ratified before last season gives the league and teams more power to fine players



At left, in an Aug. 12, 2014, file photo, Los Angeles Sparks forward Candace Parker (3) looks to pass the ball against the Minnesota Lynx in the first half of a WNBA basketball game in Minneapolis. At right, in an Aug. 31, 2014, file photo, Phoenix Mercury guard Diana Taurasi (3) shoots against Minnesota during the first half of Game 2 of the WNBA basketball Western Conference finals in Minneapolis.

under contract who miss time for overseas commitments. Parker and Fowles haven't signed WNBA contracts yet, and Taurasi is on the suspended list so none of them can be fined. It's unclear if the teams or league will take action against other players, but it could be a growing list. A handful of players skip training camps or miss a few games to start each season while fulfilling their overseas contracts.

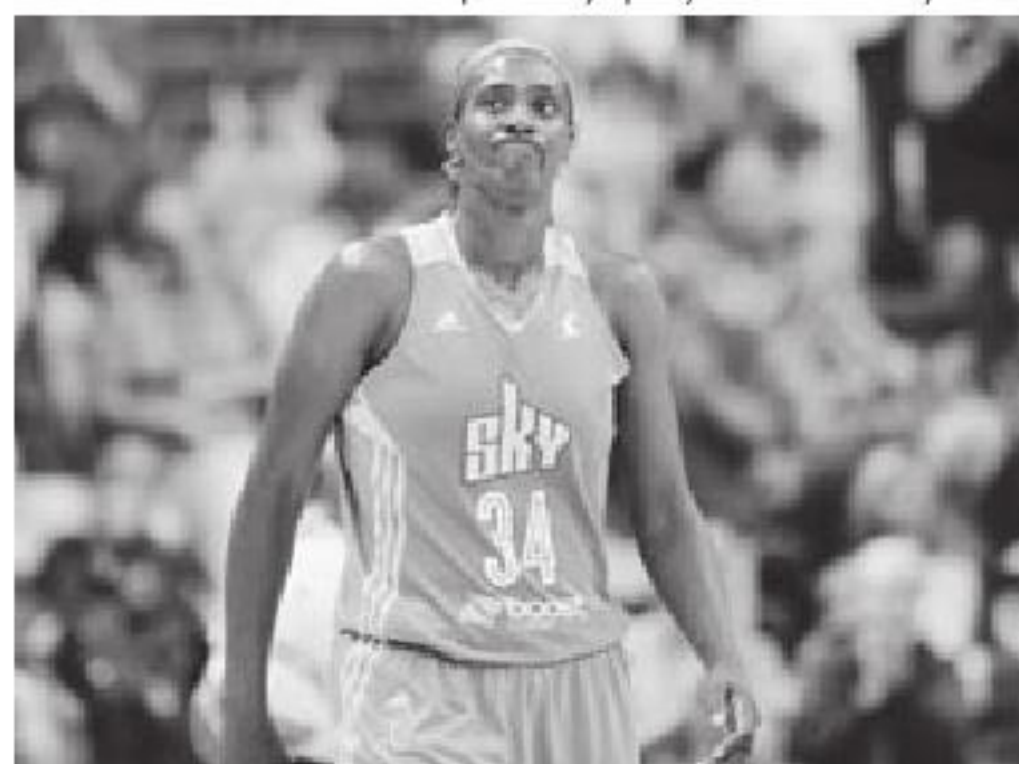
Taurasi and Parker play for

the same Russian team during the WNBA offseason, but insist that there was no discussion between them and that it is just a coincidence that they would all be missing time. But while Taurasi and Parker are ap-

Some of the players' leverage stems from playing overseas, where now they can make 10 times more than the maximum \$115,000 WNBA salary. With that kind of financial security players feel they can



Associated Press



In this June 25, 2014, file photo, Chicago Sky's Sylvia Fowles reacts at the end of a WNBA basketball game against the Connecticut Sun in Uncasville, Conn.

Associated Press

parently happy with their WNBA teams in Phoenix and Los Angeles, respectively, — saying they are just resting their bodies — Fowles wants out of Chicago.

The 6-foot-5 center, who plays in China, isn't the first WNBA player to demand a trade. Former league MVP and New York native Tina Charles asked Connecticut to trade her before last season to the Liberty.

afford to miss a WNBA season.

Former WNBA All-Star Dawn Staley understands the shift in power, but isn't thrilled about it. When her playing days ended at Virginia, the only option was to go overseas. Current WNBA players grew up knowing they could play professionally in the United States.

"Players are creating options for themselves when pretty much you had to do

what you were told to do in the past," said Staley, assistant national team coach who played eight years in the WNBA. "I don't think that's a bad thing either. We need to find a happy medium between all of those things. We have to take care of our league. I don't think this helps in taking care of our league."

Taurasi is confident the decisions of a handful of players won't lead to the demise of the WNBA.

"This league will be fine," said Taurasi, who earns near \$1.5 million playing in Russia. "I'm just trying to make sure I can keep playing in the league for a long time."

Taurasi couldn't remember the last time that she ever had more than a week away from basketball without an injury being involved. She missed the end of her Russian club team's season because of a broken bone in her left wrist.

By skipping the WNBA season, she'll have six months to herself.

"I'll be in Los Angeles, doing pilates and other things to keep me in shape. I might even show up on some courts in L.A. and see if I can get into a game or two," Taurasi, 32, said smiling.

Parker, 29, also wants to rest, heal and spend time with her family.

"I think in the past I've always done what's better for the group and not myself," she told The Associated Press on Wednesday. "I love the WNBA and hope to play in it for many more years. Right now this is for me and the longevity of my career and my family. ... Physically it will be great and mentally I'll get to be a mom, pick my kid up from school and camp every day."

Parker's daughter Lailaa started kindergarten this year and for the first time split her time between Los Angeles and Russia.

"I've been thinking about this for a while," Parker said. "It's not something that just happened. ... I talked to my doctors, talked to my family and decided that it's what we are going to do." □

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Drone use poised to expand to newsrooms despite U.S. limits

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Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — News-gathering by drone is gaining traction as an industry practice, but how the technology can actually be used to cover the news of the day is murky given its legal limitations.

The emerging technology has been used in wars, to deliver packages and, occasionally, for causing a ruckus, but the Federal Aviation Administration has also approved more than 200 commercial uses since September for movies, real estate and infrastructure.

Among those approvals, two companies identified newsgathering as their primary mission, according to the FAA website.

Las Vegas-based ArrowData said it's looking to franchise its drone ability to news organizations.

The company wants to sell the drones to newsrooms and then train journalists to carry out an operation. It doesn't have any contracts yet but said it is seeking out broadcast and newspaper outlets.

"It's a tool that television is looking at — local television, national television, everybody's looking at it," said Ron Comings, who is the news director of KLAS-TV in Las Vegas and has been in talks with ArrowData.

But the practicality of using drones, formally known as unmanned aerial vehicles, to cover the news of the day is still murky.

The FAA has strict restrictions on drone operations, and a news organization would need deep pockets to afford the equipment and manpower for what is now a limited purpose.

Cinestar drones can cost as much as \$50,000, de-



In this Jan. 8, 2014, file photo, a drone flies at the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas. Newsgathering by drone is gaining traction as an industry practice, but how the technology can actually be used to cover the news of the day is murky given its legal limitations.

pending on the intended use, said Ron Futrell, an ArrowData spokesman. The company, which got FAA approval two weeks ago, hasn't worked out the training costs.

The FAA also requires at least a three-person crew to use a drone for news, including a licensed pilot to fly it, a camera operator to direct the footage and a spotter to manage the scene, officials said.

Meanwhile, the journalism bread-and-butter of breaking news probably can't be covered by a drone.

Flights must be preapproved days in advance by the local airport and federal authorities, which will make covering unpre-

dictable situations such as crime scenes and natural disasters nearly impossible. But the FAA itself is also promoting drones for news, announcing a partnership Tuesday with CNN for the cable news network to research drone-based newsgathering in populated areas.

Futrell is hopeful that as the industry develops and the FAA refines its policies on drones, their use will become more flexible for journalists.

"They're still putting out regulations," he said. "We want to do it safely, do it right and give feedback on how it works in the real world."

It's another step forward in the developing drone in-

ditional testing site for the new technology. With vast expanses of open and undeveloped land, Nevada also has a top U.S. drone surveillance and combat operations center at Creech Air Force Base about 35 miles (56 kilometers) northwest of Las Vegas.

Yet, no matter the use, drone privacy continues to be a much talked about issue that could impact journalists.

Elliot Anderson, a Democrat in the Nevada Assembly, said the bill he sponsored to create privacy regulations for drone use is not meant to limit newsgathering. He said that would be protected under the First Amendment.

"I'm not sure of the specific case law for paparazzi-type activities, but the First Amendment is pretty strong," Anderson said.

ArrowData isn't a journalism enterprise but said it would only work with "reputable" news organizations.

"Journalistic integrity, it is a trust thing," the company spokesman said. □

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US economy rebounding with solid if unspectacular job gains

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Rebounding from a dismal start to the year, the U.S. economy added 223,000 jobs in April, a solid gain that suggested that employers are helping fuel a durable if still subpar recovery.

The job growth helped lower the unemployment rate to 5.4 percent from 5.5 percent in March, the Labor Department said Friday.

That is the lowest rate since May 2008, six months into the Great Recession.

The figures provided some reassurance that the economy is recovering from a harsh winter and other temporary headwinds that likely caused it to shrink in the first three months of the year. Yet the bounce back appears to be falling short of hopes that growth would finally accelerate in 2015 and top 3 percent for the first time in a decade.

Most analysts foresee the economy growing about 2.5 percent this year, similar to the modest expansion typical of much of the 6-year-old recovery.

In its report Friday, the government revised sharply down its estimate of March's job gain to 85,000 from 126,000. In the past three months, employers have added 191,000 positions, a decent total but well below last year's average of 260,000.

"Job growth is going from great to good," said Michael Feroli, an economist at JPMorgan Chase.

One reason the economy hasn't accelerated faster is that overseas economic turmoil is still restraining growth. A stronger dollar, which makes U.S. goods more expensive overseas, has cut into factory production. Manufacturers barely added jobs for a second straight month. And last year's plunge in oil

prices has led drilling companies to lay off thousands of workers.

Investors breathed a sigh of relief Friday because the figures suggested an economic rebound from the January-March quarter — but one not so explosive as to likely cause the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates from record lows anytime soon. The Dow Jones industrial average soared 267 points to close up 1.5 percent. □

Wall Street jump most since March following hiring gains



Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder, second left, rings the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange, Friday, May 8, 2015, in New York. Investors are keeping a close eye on upcoming U.S. jobs figures for signs of growth in the world's largest economy.

(AP Photo/Kevin Hagen)

KEN SWEET

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. stock market had its best day in two months Friday following encouraging news about the job market. The surge was enough to push two of the three ma-

ior indexes to gains for the week.

European markets also rose sharply after David Cameron's Conservative Party won an outright majority in Britain's Parliament, greatly reducing the threat of political uncertainty there.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 267.05 points, or 1.5 percent, to 18,191.11. The Standard & Poor's 500 index added 28.10 points, or 1.4 percent, to 2,116.10, its biggest percentage gain since March 16. The Nasdaq composite

rose 58 points, or 1.2 percent, to 5,003.55.

Investors cheered news that U.S. employers added 223,000 jobs in April, a solid gain suggesting that the economy may be recovering after a stumbling start to the year. The unemployment rate fell to 5.4 percent from 5.5 percent in March, the lowest rate since May 2008.

While the jobs report is always closely watched, April's survey garnered even more interest than usual. The revised March figures were abysmal, with employers creating only 85,000 jobs that month.

"I am even more convinced that the March report was an outlier," Paul Christopher, an investment strategist with Wells Fargo Advisors. "We all know the first quarter was a tough quarter. The jobs numbers needed to hold up and they did."

Both the Dow and S&P 500 ended fractionally higher for the week, while the Nasdaq ended down less than 0.1 percent.

The bond market took a more nuanced take on the employment report. Investors bought bonds, pushing the U.S. 10-year Treasury note's yield down to 2.14 percent from 2.18 percent Thursday. That rate had been as high as 2.30 percent just two days ago, representing a big move for that market.

Bond traders noted that while the job survey was positive overall, there were several troubling signs, including sluggish wage growth. The disappointing March number also cast doubt on how solid the economy's footing is. As a result, they said, the Federal Reserve could hold off longer than previously expected before raising interest rates. □

McDonald's key sales figure dips in April on regional slump

OAK BROOK, Ill. (AP) — McDonald's says a key sales metric edged lower in April, with weakness across most regions.

The world's biggest hamburger chain, which is in the midst of a turnaround plan, said Friday that global sales at established locations open at least 13 months fell 0.6 percent in April.

Paul Westra of Stifel Nicolaus said in a client note that the dip in the April sales figure was slightly better than the 1.8 percent de-

cline that Consensus Metrix forecast.

In the U.S., the metric declined 2.3 percent due to ongoing competition and lower customer traffic.

The biggest drop by region was in the Asia/Pacific, Middle East and Africa, which fell 3.8 percent. Ongoing challenges in Japan were partially offset by strong results in Australia and other markets.

Europe was a bright spot, up 1 percent, with solid performances in the U.K. and

Germany somewhat offset by softness in Russia and France.

On Monday CEO Steve Easterbrook said that he will strip away the bureaucracy at McDonald's Corp. so the Oak Brook, Illinois-based company can move more nimbly to keep up with changing tastes. The overhaul comes as McDonald's profit dropped 15 percent last year, with sales dipping in regions around the world.

"We are moving quickly to

deliver a better experience to our customers and to realize our vision to become a modern, progressive burger company," Easterbrook said in a written statement on Friday. The executive took charge of McDonald's on March 1. To help make the right changes more quickly, McDonald's is restructuring its business into four units led by lean management teams.

The U.S. market, which accounts for more than 40

percent of operating profit, recently stripped away a level of field oversight and will be its own unit.

Another unit will be made up of established international markets such as Australia and the U.K., and another with high-growth markets such as China and Russia. The countries where McDonald's has a smaller presence will be grouped separately.

Previously, the units were segmented by geography rather than market type. □

New Malaysia Airline CEO vows turnaround for battered airline

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Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — The new CEO of Malaysia Airlines said its financial situation is more challenging than anticipated and it will shrink in size as it tries to overcome a tarnished image with the travel industry and the public.

Malaysia Airlines was battered last year by double jet disasters. Its government owner has brought in a new CEO, former Aer Lingus chief Christoph Mueller, to oversee a 6 billion ringgit (\$1.7 billion) turnaround. In a memo dated Tuesday, Mueller thanked Malaysia Airlines staff for a warm welcome since he started work at the airline on May 1 but also noted parts of the organization seemed "depressed" and customers say service is deteriorating.

Malaysia Airlines, Mueller said, is "suffering badly from a heavily damaged brand reputation" in key markets with many people avoiding the carrier because "they are frightened."

The carrier is moving ahead with a previously announced overhaul that will involve cutting its staff by 6,000 or about 30 percent.

"Since the new airline will be smaller in size, we simply have not enough work for all of you," Mueller said.

The airline had a good safety and service record before last year's disasters but the tragedies, and the airline's handling of the first one in particular, hurt its brand. A Malaysia Airlines jet with 239 people on board went missing March 8 last year while en route to Beijing and no trace of it has been found. In July, a Malaysia Airlines jet was shot down over Ukraine, killing all 298 people on board.

Mueller said the airline will soon mail out termination letters and new job offer letters to those who will remain in the airline. That approach is being taken because staff requested privacy in the handling of employment matters, he said.

The CEO's memo was shown to reporters on Friday by the National Union of Flight Attendants Malaysia, which protested the termination exercise by mail as "obnoxious and arrogant."

It said its 3,500 members were now stressed and worried. The union has written to Prime Minister Najib Razak, asking him to intervene and urging the airline to offer short and medium-term layoffs as well as salary cuts before a final termination exercise is carried out.

Mueller comes to the Malaysian job from a stint reviving Ireland's Aer Lingus. He'll be the first foreigner to head the Malaysian state-owned company. Analysts say he's an industry veteran "battle-hardened" from his work carrying out corporate restructurings at other state-owned airlines, including failed Belgian carrier Sabena.

He was dubbed "The Terminator" in Ireland because his German accent made for easy comparisons to Arnold Schwarzenegger in assassin robot mode as he outlined his plans to remorselessly fix Aer Lingus.

Mueller said in the memo that the airline's new business plan will focus on cutting overall costs, which are up to 20 percent higher than its competitors, and withdrawing from markets where it cannot be competitive. "Sometimes you have to retreat and regroup before growing again. And that is the ultimate target. We want to grow again in the last phase of restructuring," he said.

Mueller said he envisioned a new airline that is "safe, on-time and friendly" that will be the new pride of Malaysia.

Your Money: Credit Cards Offering 2% Rebates, While (or if) They Last

RON LIEBER

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For years, the holy grail for many seekers of credit card rewards has been a guaranteed 2 percent back on every dollar they spend.

The problem for startups and for financial services companies both large and small is that it's difficult to make the product profitable. The fees that merchants pay to accept cards won't cover all of those rewards. And it's intensely annoying for consumers who have moved all their spending to find out a year later that their issuer is cutting the reward because it couldn't make the numbers work.

Still, a handful of grown-up operators like American Ex-

press. Annual fees from cardholders are consistent, but the number of people paying late fees may not be. The banks also can't be sure what percentage of cardholders will carry a balance and pay interest - and for how long.

Ron Shevlin, director of research at the consulting firm Cornerstone Advisors, points to another emerging source of revenue: information on how we spend. Card companies know who, for instance, shops at Office Depot, and Staples may well pay good money to be able to send offers to them. "These guys are making bets that they can monetize the data stream," he said.

Against this backdrop, 2 percent cards available

flier miles or can be transferred into a frequent-flier program. They cannot.

The Barclaycard puts 10 percent of your points back into your account when you redeem, giving it an effective yield of 2.2 percent on every dollar you spend. Its annual fee, however, is \$89, while the Venture card's is \$59.

The Fidelity Investment Rewards American Express offers 2 percent cash back on all purchases with no annual fee. Fidelity helps American Express pay for the reward on this card, which has paid out \$925 million in its history, according to Fidelity. There are two catches here. First, it's an American Express card, which means you won't be able to use it in as many



Credit cards with 2 percent rebates are popular with reward seekers, but making them profitable for issuers has been difficult. Now four companies are trying them again.

(Robert Neubecker/The New York Times)

press (and its partner, Fidelity), Barclays, Capital One and Citigroup now have cards that offer this level of generosity. Are they the ones that have finally figured out how to make money on these cards - and make them last?

The central challenge for these card issuers is that they can't always be sure how customers will behave. Their costs are pretty clear: Banks need to pay for marketing the cards initially, pay for the rewards, service the accounts and cover losses when people don't pay their bills.

The revenue, however, is not always predictable. Merchants pay fees to accept cards, but different merchants pay different

amounts. Annual fees from cardholders are consistent, but the number of people paying late fees may not be. The banks also can't be sure what percentage of cardholders will carry a balance and pay interest - and for how long.

now differ just enough from one another to make it hard to say for sure which one is the best - and which, if any, may be unsustainable. The Capital One Venture Visa Signature and the Barclaycard Arrival Plus World Elite MasterCard are the most similar. With both, you get two of their proprietary rewards points for every dollar you spend. Then, you trade them for a statement credit against any travel purchase you make on the cards. Trading in 5,000 points would yield a \$50 statement credit, for instance. An important point: Both issuers refer to their points as "miles," which can confuse people into thinking they are frequent-

places as you can use a Visa or MasterCard. Second, the rebate has to go into a Fidelity account of some sort.

The newest entrant is Citi's Double Cash MasterCard, which offers 1 percent back when you make a purchase and another 1 percent when you pay the bill. There is no annual fee on this card. So how do they afford it without a partner like Fidelity? The lack of a big sign-up bonus helps the product's numbers, a Citi spokeswoman, Emily Collins, said in an email, as does the fact that most new customers come in through low-cost digital channels.

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Mutts



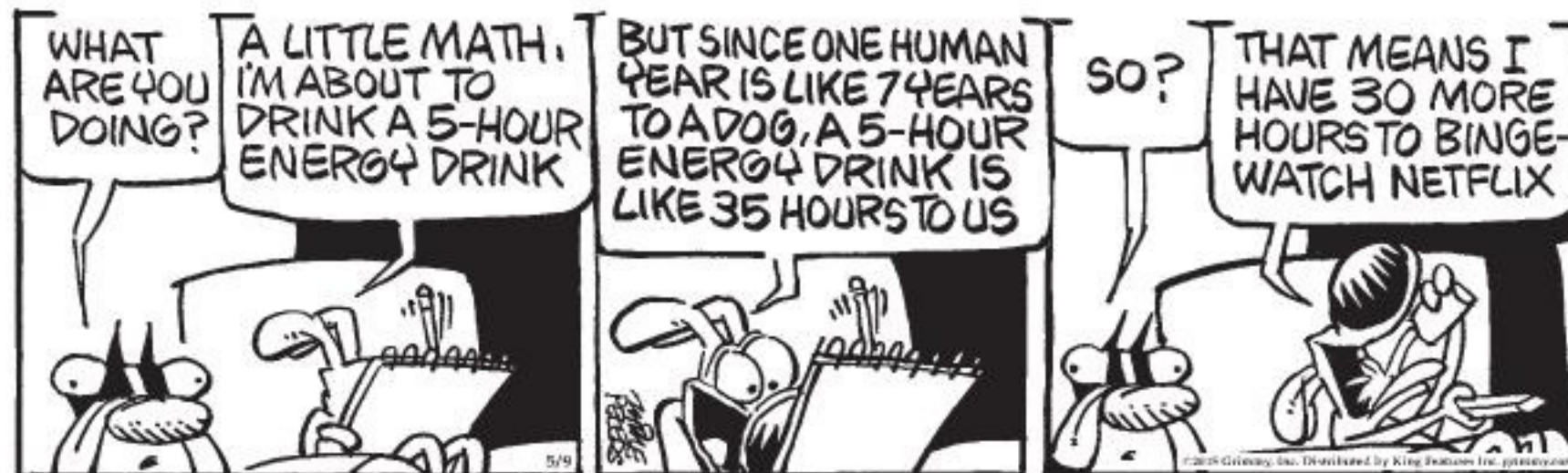
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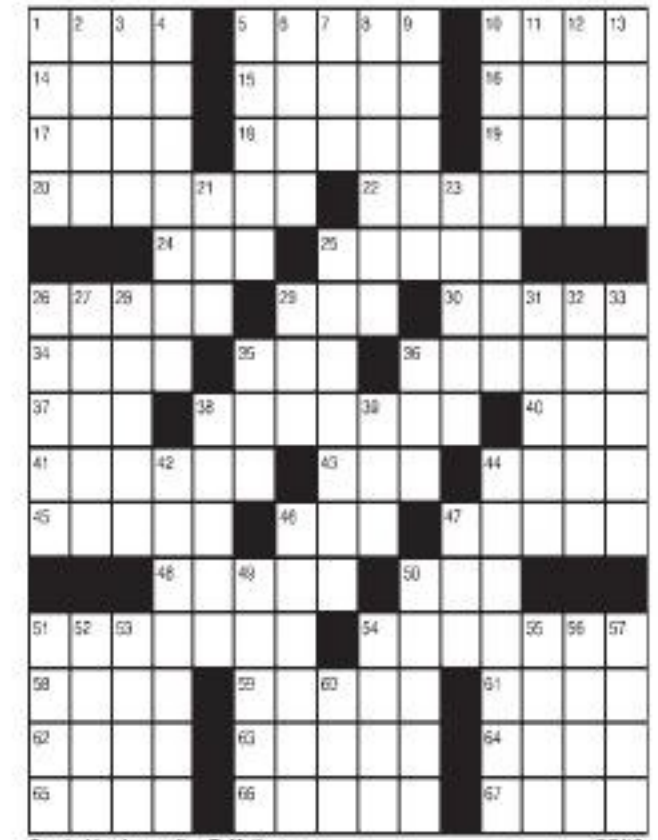
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

3	4	5	8	7	6	1	2	9
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ACROSS

- 1 Sign of a past surgery
- 5 Country bumpkin
- 10 Final
- 14 Metal thread
- 15 Singer Hayes
- 16 Reverberate
- 17 Machines at banks, for short
- 18 Rent long-term
- 19 Skinny
- 20 In addition to
- 22 Arched parts of your feet
- 24 June honoree
- 25 Davis or Midler
- 26 Petty officer
- 29 ___ for the course; normal
- 30 Eggs on
- 34 ___ Aid; U.S. drugstore chain
- 35 Spoil
- 36 Dirty remark
- 37 Heavyweight champ
- 38 Disease
- 40 Hustle & bustle
- 41 Population count
- 43 Noah's boat
- 44 Long journey
- 45 ___ Allan Poe
- 46 Knight's title
- 47 Army chaplain
- 48 Was bold
- 50 Wheel center
- 51 Actor Charles
- 54 Lorne Greene TV series
- 58 Lasso
- 59 Large parrot
- 61 Dirt
- 62 Tavern orders
- 63 ___ costs; no matter what
- 64 Popular pets
- 65 Cravings
- 66 Intellectuals
- 67 Cleveland, ___



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Friday's Puzzle Solved

JAMS	SHALT	STOP
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- 4 Leftover part
- 5 Annoyed
- 6 Employs
- 7 Sheep's cry
- 8 Not as difficult
- 9 Perfume
- 10 A, B, C, etc.
- 11 Prolonged pain
- 12 Send a parcel
- 13 Heavy weights
- 21 VP ___ Quayle
- 23 Daring feat
- 25 Carla on "Cheers," e.g.
- 26 ___ oneself; prepare for bad news
- 27 Lubricated
- 28 Beekeeper's pain
- 29 Chum
- 31 Sentry
- 32 Firstborn of two
- 33 Feed a furnace of Congress
- 35 Prefix for place or pronunciation
- 36 Pen contents
- 38 Distinctive atmospheres

DOWN

- 1 Q-tip, for one
- 2 Refer to
- 3 Up in ___; upset & ready to fight

- 39 Go wrong
- 42 Depression
- 44 Hot sauce
- 46 Upper House of Congress
- 47 Play on words
- 49 Resident of Italy's capital
- 50 Long wolf cries
- 51 Hee-haw
- 52 Actor's part
- 53 Frank; candid
- 54 Hairless
- 55 Dictionary man
- 56 Webster
- 57 Tubular pasta
- 58 To boot
- 60 Taurus or Prius

Your Money: Credit Cards Offering 2% Rebates, While (or if) They Last

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Besides the two-part earning process, its redemption process may help it achieve profitability, too. You have to wait until you have earned at least \$25 to redeem and then request the reward from Citi. Some people will forget or switch cards, and that creates what is known in the industry as breakage, which saves issuers money. "I have not spoken to Citi, so I'm not sure what their beliefs are, but we focus on simplicity," said Grayson Clarke, who runs the Venture card for Capital One, when I asked him why Citi could afford 2 percent cash back while Capital One's cash-back cards pay only 1.5 percent. "There are programs that have games or restrictions or catches, or you get your money at different times, and that makes it difficult for people to use." Capital One's cash-back cards allow you to earn the cash all at once and request as much or as little as you want at any time, he said. Collins, the Citispokeswoman, said Citi's redemption procedures were "consistent with industry practices." If people buy things and pay for them within the same billing cycle, she said, they will receive all of their 2 percent rebate in that same period.

One other virtue for Citi of its reward approach is the message that it appears to send. "We're not encouraging you to get into debt. We're rewarding you for paying," is how Marianne Berry, managing director at the Auriemma Consulting Group, put it. She added that redemptions in bursts of \$25 or more could make the consumer feel more amply rewarded than automated payouts of a few dollars a month. These cards are not for everyone. World travelers with plenty of flexibility can collect frequent-flier miles via their card spending and redeem them for busi-



A window decal indicates that Visa is accepted at a New York business. Credit cards with 2 percent rebates are popular with reward seekers, but making them profitable for issuers has been difficult. Now four companies are trying them again. (AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

ness- or first-class airplane tickets to far-flung locales that would otherwise cost many thousands of dollars. I have personally received an effective 10 percent rebate on my card spending by doing this in the past, though it becomes much harder if you are anchored to school vacation calendars for 20 years. So a return like this is by no means guaranteed, not even close.

Our collective goal of becoming unprofitable customers also requires discipline, and not just the kind that leads to making payments on time, not carrying a balance and being careful to track points and miles. Plenty of research suggests that people spend more on plastic

than they do when paying cash. Readers of this column are all above average, though, right? As are those researchers. In a column last year, I discovered that most of them have kept right on using their own rewards cards. One of them had a good suggestion: Use cash or a debit card for several months to establish your spending baseline, then switch to a credit card and stick to the budget. Still, skepticism is warranted with 2 percent cards, since many other banks have tried these deals and failed. So I asked the issuers I have mentioned in this column if their cards were profitable. Fidelity readily admits that it pays for some of the rewards. □

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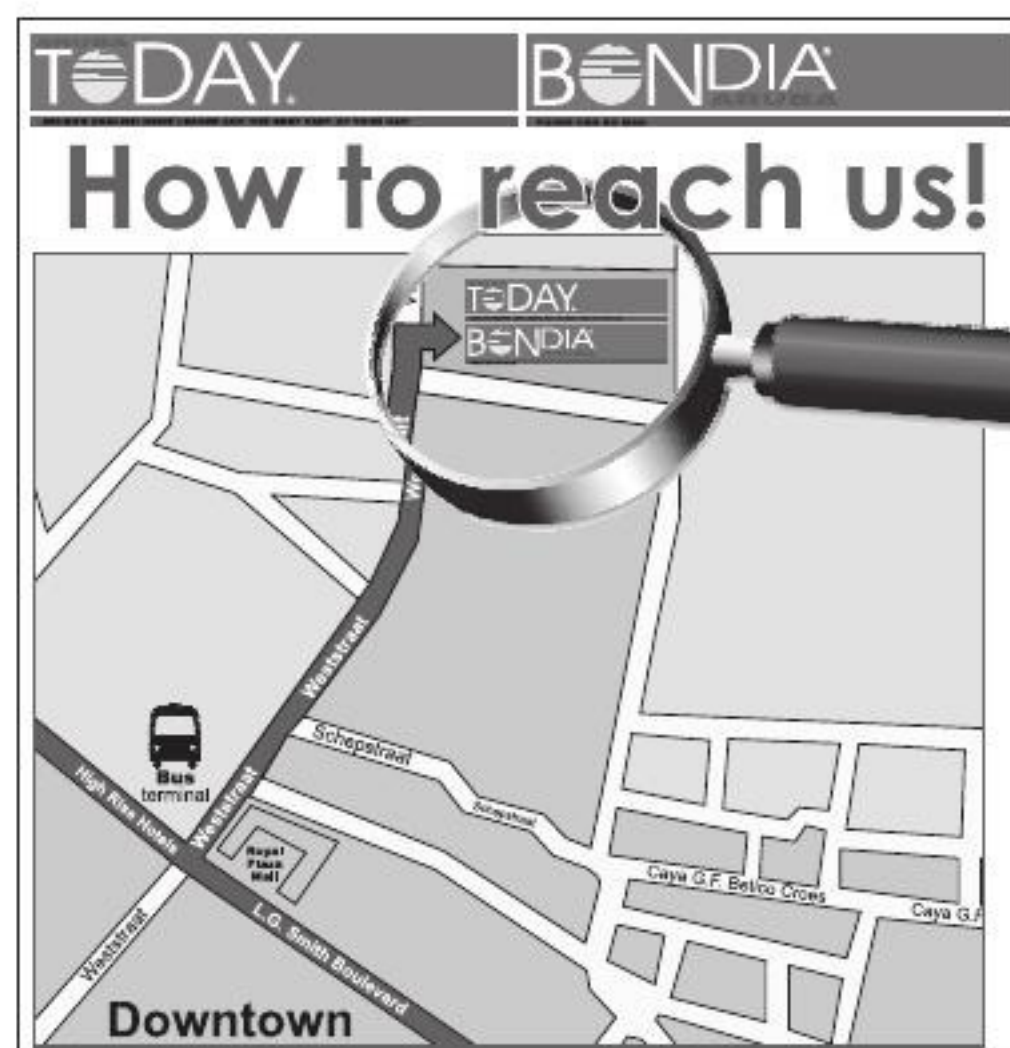
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Study aims to uncover why cancer plagues golden retrievers

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — If a golden retriever gives birth, gets stung by a bee or sprayed by a skunk, veterinarians want to know.

Scientists are studying the popular breed to find out why their lifespans have gotten shorter over the years and why cancer is so prevalent.

The Colorado-based Morris Animal Foundation recently got the first lifetime study of 3,000 purebred golden retrievers up and running after signing up the first dogs in 2012. The nonprofit says the review of health conditions and environmental factors facing goldens across the U.S.



This photo taken April 13, 2015, and provided by Sara Cavallo shows Dr. Michael Lappin, 66, during an examination of his golden retriever, Isaac, at The Animal House, Lappin's office in Buzzards Bay, Mass.

can help other breeds and even people, because humans carry 95 percent of

the same DNA.

"Canine cancer has become a dog owner's greatest fear," said Dr. David Haworth, president and CEO of the foundation, which invested \$25 million in the study. "You don't see dogs running loose that much anymore, we don't see a lot of infectious diseases, and the vaccines we have today are very good, so our concerns are warranted."

The vets haven't learned enough yet to improve or prolong the retrievers' lives, but key factors could lie anywhere, said Dr. Michael Lappin, who has 19 patients from Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts, in the study. When he graduated from veterinary school in 1972, golden retrievers lived 16 or 17 years. Today, it's nine or 10 years.

Golden retrievers die of bone cancer, lymphoma and a cancer of the blood vessels more than any other breed in the country.

Lappin plans to get his families together in a few months to see if they have found ways to make life easier for their dogs, especially because the most helpful data about cancer, obesity, diabetes and other chronic conditions won't emerge for six or seven years, researchers say.

Early exams showed 33 percent of the dogs, which are 1 to 5 years old, had skin disease or ear infections; 17 percent had gastrointestinal illnesses; and 11 percent had urinary dis-

ease.

The dogs get medication to treat the conditions, but vets can't treat them differently because it would skew the results, Lappin said.

Marla Yetka of Denver says her nearly 2-year-old golden retriever, Snickers, joined the study and has been suffering from skin problems. Yetka uses oatmeal shampoo on her pet, but she's looking forward to talking with other participants about their remedies.

"I have too many friends who have lost goldens," she said. "Is it what we are feeding them, their environments, their breeding?" Pet owners keep tabs on everything, from a move across country or across town, a change in climate or time zone, new children at home, different food or behavioral changes. Most keep journals so they don't constantly call the vets when their dog gets a thorn in its foot, eats a spider or devours a bunch of bologna if it tears into the groceries. □

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In this Monday, June 23, 2014 file photo, actors Ben Savage, left, and Rowan Blanchard, from the Disney Channel series "Girl Meets World" pose for a portrait, in New York.

Associated Press

Stars weigh in on how far 'Girl Meets World' will go

ALICIA RANCILIO
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — When Ben Savage starred on ABC's "Boy Meets World" for seven seasons in the '90s, we saw his character Cory Matthews go from awkward sixth grader to a college student married to his high-school sweetheart Topanga (played by Danielle Fishel.)

Fast-forward to present day and Disney Channel is airing a reboot, "Girl Meets World," about Cory and Topanga's daughter Riley, played by Rowan Blanchard, with Savage and Fishel reprising their roles. Its second season premieres May 11 at 8:30 p.m. EDT.

So, if "Girl" has a long run like its predecessor, will this Disney version address adult themes like "Boy Meets World" did?

"At the end of the day we want to be the show that tells real life," said 13-year-old Blanchard in a recent interview.

"If that time ever were to happen I think we would be the show that would do it. I don't want to make any promises but (creator,

showrunner) Michael (Jacobs) is very, very passionate about writing real life," she said.

"We want to cover episode topics that kids deal with," added Savage. "I will say that we're covering topics about relationships and religion and family life and love and marriage and divorce and parenting so we're really covering a wide array of issues that kids deal with."

The second season rolls out more characters from "Boy Meets World" like Cory's best friend Shawn (played by Rider Strong) and their beloved teacher Mr. Feeny, played by William Daniels, along with Will Friedle who played Cory's older brother Eric.

Savage said season one was meant to establish the show but they're now more comfortable mixing in past characters with new ones.

"I think it's a wonderful thing that we're able to kind of reintroduce these characters to a new audience while slowly letting our long-time viewers know what they've been up to. I think our audience appreciates that." □

Helen Hunt talks new film 'Ride' and plotting her TV return

ALICIA RANCILIO
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — When Helen Hunt met with Australian actor Brenton Thwaites to audition for the role of her son in "Ride" — a movie she wrote and directed — the actress liked him but didn't think he was right for the part.

"I wrote it as a love story between a mother and a son, so it was all about who was gonna be this boy and Brenton came in to audition," Hunt recalls. "I didn't know what to do because he's gorgeous and kind, clearly on his way to being a movie star, no doubt about it, and totally wrong for what I wrote."

But Thwaites wouldn't take no for an answer and asked if he could have another audition.

"That reminded me of me," said Hunt in a recent interview. "I got some of the best parts I've ever had by saying I'd like to come back in" — like her role in 1997's "As Good as It Gets," which won her a best actress Oscar.

After a couple of auditions, Hunt said director James L. Brooks told her, "I'm really close to thinking you're right for it," and I remember telling him, "You should be sure. I want you to be sure." ... I wanted him to believe in me."

In "Ride," Hunt plays a single mom who is completely devoted to her college-aged son. When he drops out of school and moves cross country to surf, she follows him and takes up the sport, too. Along the way, she begins to re-establish her own identity.

Hunt, 51, said she "didn't bother" wondering whether someone else could play her



In this Tuesday, April 28, 2015 file photo, Helen Hunt arrives at the LA Premiere of "Ride" at The Arclight Hollywood Theater in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

part because she didn't think anyone else would "put up with what I put up with. I was in the ocean for nine hours at a stretch." Fortunately, surfing and the ocean are important to Hunt in real-life.

"There is nothing that right-sizes you more than that beautiful, big body of water," she said.

Hunt says she's now in the middle of writing her third film, and is also planning a return to television (she co-starred with Paul Reiser in the NBC sitcom "Mad About You" from 1992-1999).

"I'm developing a show with my partner (Matthew Carnahan) that is wild and weird and I hope we get a chance to make it. I'm smart enough to not have any prejudice about the size of the screen. It's the part and the writing and the story."

"Ride" is now playing in limited theatrical release and also in VOD. □

ABC will make another Shonda Rhimes series for next year



In this Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2014, file photo, television producer and writer Shonda Rhimes addresses the audience after receiving the W.E.B. Du Bois medal during a ceremony at Harvard University, in Cambridge, Mass.

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Megaproducer Shonda Rhimes is increasing her real estate on ABC.

The network says it has agreed to make "The Catch," a new series by Rhimes about a fraud investigator who is about to be defrauded herself by her fiancé. The drama will star Mireille Enos, who played Sarah Linden in the ABC series "The Killing."

Rhimes is already responsible for ABC's entire Thursday night lineup of "Grey's Anatomy," "Scandal" and "How to Get Away With Murder." Each of those series has been renewed.

Another new ABC entry, "The Muppets," is a contemporary, documentary-style comedy that promises to explore the Muppets' personal lives and workplace aspirations.

The broadcast networks are finalizing plans for next season in advance of presenting their lineups to advertisers next week in New York. □

Anthony Geary leaving TV's 'General Hospital'

DAVID BAUDER

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Actor Anthony Geary, whose character Luke Spencer's marriage to Laura in 1981 on "General Hospital" was the biggest moment in daytime television history, is leaving the soap opera after nearly three decades in the role.

It was Geary's decision to leave, and he'll be written out of the ABC show for an episode that will air later this summer, said Frank Valenti, executive producer, on Friday.

"Anthony is our friend and a part of our television family, but, as difficult as this may be, we understand and respect that this is his choice," Valenti said.

More than 30 million people tuned in to watch Luke marry Laura, considered a storybook event despite the creepy backstory of Laura falling in love with her rapist. Actress Genie Francis, who played Laura but hasn't been on "General Hospital" since 2013, will return this summer to participate in the story of Luke's exit, ABC said.



Anthony Geary poses in the pressroom with the award for outstanding lead actor in a drama series for "General Hospital" at the 42nd annual Daytime Emmy Awards at Warner Bros. Studios on Sunday, April 26, 2015, in Burbank, Calif. Associated Press

Geary, 67, began playing Luke in 1978 but left the show in 1984. He returned in 1991 but, tired of the character, played Luke's looka-

like cousin. Audiences didn't like it, however, so the cousin was killed off and Geary resumed playing Luke in 1993, and has remained with the show since then. Geary told TVInsider.com that he was "weary of the grind and have been for 20 years."

"There was a point after my back surgery last year where it became clear to me that my time is not infinite," he said. "And I really don't want to die, collapsing in a heap, on the 'GH' set one day."

Geary said he wasn't retiring, however. He spends much of his nonworking time in a second home in Amsterdam, and said he's looking forward to spending more time there.

ABC wasn't saying Friday how Geary's unsavory character will be written out of the show. Geary said he thought suicide was an option but didn't think the audience or network would stand for it. "If I were in his place, I'd go to Tibet or Nepal on some kind of spiritual journey, even though he's an atheist," Geary told TVInsider.com. "He needs to be at peace." □

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Secret's Doomed Script



JOE NOCERA

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In every episode of "Silicon Valley," the terrific HBO comedy series created by Mike Judge, there is always a moment, rendered utterly deadpan, that both mocks and explains the current, are-we-in-a-bubble-yet state of play in, well, Silicon Valley.

In one episode this season, for instance, the show's hero, Richard Hendricks, the nerdy founder of Pied Piper, mentions the plans he has "once we have a subscription-revenue model." His backer, an obnoxious billionaire, leaps out of his seat. "No, no, no!" he exclaims. "Why would you go after revenue?"

"To make money?" Richard answers meekly. "If you have no revenue, you can say you are pre-revenue," explains the billionaire. "You're a potential pure play. It's not about how much you earn; it's about what you're worth. And who's worth the most? Companies that lose money!"

In other episodes this season, we've been introduced to an app called "Bro" - its only function is to allow someone to send the word "bro" to someone else - and the coming of "datageddon," thanks to all the "selfies and useless files people refuse to delete."

And, of course, there is the way all the young, scruffy entrepreneurs on "Silicon Valley" profess to be in business to "make the world a better place" rather than get rich. "We're making the world a better place through Paxos algorithms for consensus protocols," says one company founder at a TechCrunch Disrupt conference. "And we're making the world a better place through software-defying data centers for cloud computing," says another.

Which perhaps explains why I immediately thought of Judge's parody of life in techland as I read the real-life news last week that the social app Secret was shutting down after only 16 months. Like many of the fake companies on "Silicon Valley," Secret was based on a truly ridiculous idea: that an app that allowed people to send anonymous messages would not only be a hit but would "reduce the barrier to communication" and make it possible to convey the "raw truth" without that annoying filter of identity. Anonymity was going to be the next big thing in "social," according to its founders, David Byttow, 33, and Chrys Bader-Wechsler, 31.

"It helps you become a bet-

ter person if you want to be a better person," Byttow told the audience at - where else? - a TechCrunch Disrupt conference. Internet anonymity can make you a better person? Since when? Hadn't we learned long ago that cyberbullying, gossip of the rankest sort, and the spreading of false rumors were the usual results of Web anonymity, crowding out other, more ennobling responses.

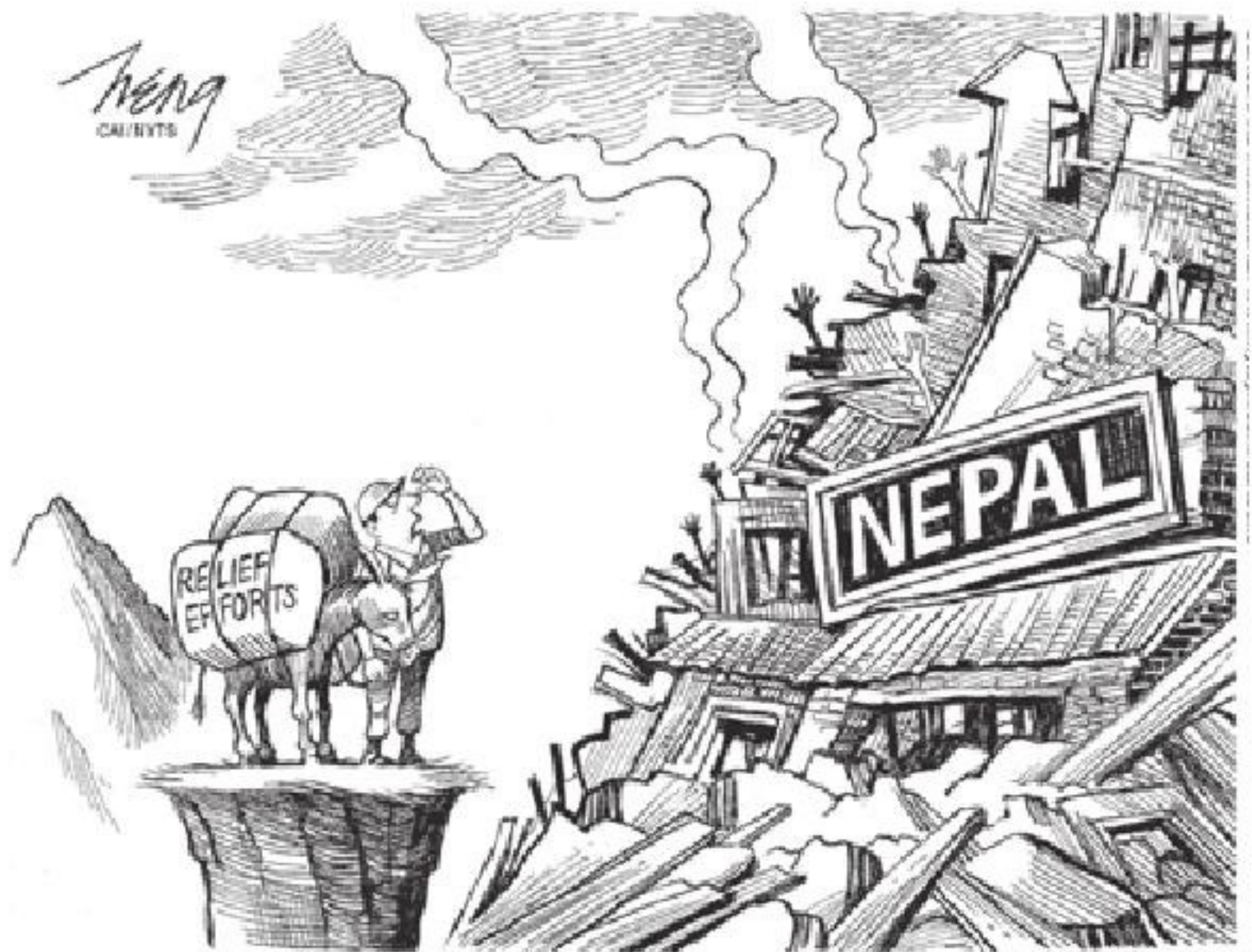
But Byttow - who wears only black in public, to judge by his various YouTube appearances - and Bader-Wechsler were convinced that making it easy for people to post anonymous messages - to their friends, no less - would, indeed, make the world a better place. Or at least they convinced enough glibly venture capitalists of this that they were able to raise some \$35 million during their company's short life, giving it a valuation at one point of \$100 million.

As for revenue, it pretty much followed the "Silicon Valley" model. Any interviewer who asked how a completely anonymous "community" could serve as the foundation for a moneymaking business was told, quite matter of factly, that it was far too early to contemplate such mundane matters. Searching for a revenue model "would be a distraction at this point," Byttow explained to the technology journalist Kara Swisher, who occasionally plays her sardonic, all-knowing self on "Silicon Valley." "You have to build liquidity in your users," added Bader-Wechsler.

So what happened to Secret? Cyberbullying was a problem from the start, which seemed to surprise the founders, who were in a constant struggle to keep control of the posts. Security and privacy were also issues. ("We have learned a lot!" Bader-Wechsler told an interviewer five months in.) Brazil ordered it shut down. Marc Andreessen criticized it. As the app's novelty wore off, people stopped using it. Byttow and Bader-Wechsler responded by redesigning the site so that it more closely resembled Yik Yak, a more successful competitor. Employees started leaving, including Bader-Wechsler in January. Meanwhile, as The Times reported, the founders had each taken \$3 million off the table in the second round of financing, and Byttow had bought a red Ferrari (which, The Times also reported, he has since gotten rid of). Most new tech companies that realize their business model is doomed spend the rest of their money "pivoting" to something more promising. Byttow instead decided to return the leftover money to his investors. A classy touch.

In the blog post in which he announced that he was shutting down the Secret app, Byttow promised that he would "publish postmortems so that others can learn from the unique mistakes and challenges we faced and the wisdom gained from such an incredible 16 months."

No doubt Mike Judge will be taking notes for future episodes. □



Restoring Faith in Justice



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Last week, Baltimore's chief prosecutor, Marilyn J. Mosby, charged six officers in the death of Freddie Gray. The charges included second-degree murder, manslaughter, assault, misconduct in office and false imprisonment.

(These were only charges. There will be a defense and a trial. The officers remain innocent until and unless proven guilty.)

Mosby said at a news conference Friday as she laid out the case and announced the charges: "To the people of Baltimore and the demonstrators across America: I heard your call for 'No justice, no peace.'" She continued: "Last but certainly not least, to the youth of the city, I will seek justice on your behalf. This is a moment. This is your moment. Let's ensure we have peaceful and productive rallies that will develop structural and systemic changes for generations to come. You're at the forefront of this cause and as young people, our time is now." Mosby seemed to recognize in that moment that this case and others like it are now about more than individual deaths and individual incidents, but about restoration - or a formation - of faith for all of America's citizens in the American justice system itself.

Faith in the system is the bedrock of the system. Without it, the system is drained of its inviolable au-

thority. This is the danger America now faces.

After George Zimmerman shot Trayvon Martin through the chest and walked free. After there was no indictment of the officer who choked the life out of Eric Garner on video. After an officer shot and killed John Crawford in an Ohio Wal-Mart as he walked around the store with an air rifle he'd picked up off the store's own shelves, and another officer grilled his girlfriend until she cried, "accusing her of lying, threatening her with jail time and suggesting she could be on drugs," according to CNN.

After the city of Cleveland claimed - then apologized for claiming - that Tamir Rice was responsible for his own death when officers shot him in the stomach - an injury he would later die from - in a park as he played with a toy gun.

According to The Washington Post: "In the court filing, which was a formal response from the city to a federal lawsuit by the Rice family, city attorneys declare that Tamir and his family 'were directly and proximately caused by their own acts ...' and added that Tamir caused his own death 'by the failure ... to exercise due care to avoid injury.'"

And after Anthony Ray Hinton sat on Alabama's death row for 30 years - "one of the longest-serving death row prisoners in Alabama history," according to the Equal Justice Initiative, which won his release last month - for murders he didn't commit. He was arrested and charged based on the assertion that a revolver taken from his mother's home was used in two capital murders and a third uncharged crime. Even after experts found in 2002 that the gun didn't match the crime evidence, prosecutors refused to revisit the case.

It took more than a decade of additional litigation before a judge threw out the case. Prosecutors finally conceded that

the crime bullets couldn't be matched to the Hinton weapon.

"For all of us that say that we believe in justice, this is the case to start showing, because I shouldn't have (sat) on death row for 30 years, Hinton said. "All they had to do was test the gun."

Last year Glenn Ford, Louisiana's longest-serving death row prisoner, was also set free after nearly 30 years facing execution for a murder that he also did not commit. According to The New York Daily News: "A judge freed Ford from the Louisiana State Penitentiary a year ago when evidence, believed to have been suppressed during the trial, surfaced exonerating him from the all-white jury's decision in the murder of a nearly blind Shreveport watchmaker, Isadore Rozeman."

The lead prosecutor in the Ford case, A.M. Stroud III, apologized in a column published by The Shreveport Times, saying: "In 1984, I was 33 years old. I was arrogant, judgmental, narcissistic and very full of myself. I was not as interested in justice as I was in winning. To borrow a phrase from Al Pacino in the movie 'And Justice for All,' 'Winning became everything.'" He concluded: "How totally wrong was I."

After last month, NPR reported that Mayor Rahm Emmanuel of Chicago was supporting a \$5.5 million reparations package for victims of a former police commander and his officers in that city. As MSNBC's Trymaine Lee put it, they "for decades ran a torture ring that used electrical shock, burning and beatings on more than 100 black men."

All of this and more eats away at public confidence in equal justice under the law and reaffirms people's worst fears: that the eyes of justice aren't blind but jaundiced. As Langston Hughes once wrote: "That Justice is a blind goddess / Is a thing to which we black are wise: / Her bandage hides two festering sores / That once perhaps were eyes." □

As World Trade Center Oculus Opens, So Does a Neighborhood



Construction of Santiago Calatrava's Oculus continues at the World Trade Center Transportation Hub in New York. Commuters will be able to see the Oculus in the hub as passageways at the center open to pedestrians in June.

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NEW YORK - Santiago Calatrava's Oculus, that unearthly winged structure taking form at the World Trade Center, will open to limited pedestrian traffic in June.

This will give the public its first glimpse of a majestic and luminous space - framed by soaring, softly curving white ribs and the ribbons of light between them - that looks like nothing so much as the nave of a cathedral by Gaudí.

Or like a turkey skeleton after it's been stripped clean at Thanksgiving.

The debate over the \$3.9 billion World Trade Center Transportation Hub, of which the Oculus is the aesthetic and retail centerpiece, is only beginning. Love it or hate it, however, there is no denying its magnitude.

The public will have a chance to study the interior of the Oculus from a north-south passageway that is to open next month (or perhaps earlier), linking the PATH platforms to new entrances at Vesey and Liberty Streets.

Progress at ground zero was once measured in years. This spring and summer promise one milestone after the next, sometimes separated only by days.

On Tuesday, a 25-foot-wide section of sidewalk opened on the north side of Liberty Street, between Church and Greenwich Streets, the scene of frequent pedestrian bottlenecks. It is a heavily trafficked route to the National September 11 Memorial and Museum and, increasingly, to the 4 World Trade Center tower as it fills with office workers. People live on Liberty Street, too.

Catherine McVay Hughes, the chairwoman of Community Board 1, said the new sidewalk was something people in the area, "especially the local residents who returned after 9/11, have been looking forward to for a long time." On Thursday, the Port Authority plans to open the

second of four new snow-white, marble-floored PATH platforms designed by Calatrava and his colleagues in the Downtown Design Partnership.

At the same time, workers are to remove a temporary, floor-to-ceiling barrier in the PATH mezzanine directly above the platforms, creating a broad perspective on the space, which looks like the inside of some fantastically large (but immaculately clean) marine organism.

On May 29, the One World Observatory is to open atop 1 World Trade Center. Soon after, the north-south passageway between Vesey and Liberty Streets will open, "improving access and transportation connections for the residents, workers and visitors to Lower Manhattan," said Patrick Foye, the executive director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

Construction staging has been particularly challenging since the authority sought to maintain service for 50,000 daily PATH commuters and those on the No. 1 subway line, Erica Dumas, a Port Authority spokeswoman, said.

PATH commuters from New Jersey currently use a temporary station on Vesey Street that will be demolished in the coming months. Intense human traffic jams have resulted, as PATH riders scramble among residents and office workers who are heading to and from Battery Park City, and everyone shoulder-butts tourists.

"Vesey Street has not been for the faint of heart," said Jessica Lappin, the president of the Alliance for Downtown New York.

In the new arrangement, riders will come up into the east half of the PATH mezzanine, which is the transportation crossroads of the hub. Then they will walk under the No. 1 line, which crosses the vast space without any visible means of support, in a remarkable - and expensive - bit of engineering. □

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